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SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF ARGENTINA, ICELAND, IRELAND AND POLAND

THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES WHICH EXAMINED THE APPLICATIONS OF ARGENTINA, ICELAND, IRELAND AND POLAND TO ACCEDE TO THE GATT UNDER ARTICLE XXIII WERE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL ON 26 JUNE. AT THE SAME TIME THE PROTOCOLS SETTING OUT THE TERMS OF ACCESSION WERE APPROVED AND THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO SUBMIT THE RELEVANT DECISIONS TO A VOTE BY POSTAL BALLOT. THE FOUR BALLOT PAPERS ARE FORWARDED HEREWITH AND CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE REQUESTED TO CAST THEIR VOTES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN 4 SEPTEMBER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XXXIII EACH DECISION WILL BE ADOPTED IF TWO THIRDS, I.E. FORTY-EIGHT, OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES CAST AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, AND I WOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT AN ABSTENTION HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS A NEGATIVE VOTE.

..... COPIES OF THE FOUR PROTOCOLS ARE ENCLOSED. THE SCHEDULE FOR POLAND APPEARS AS ANNEX B TO THE POLISH PROTOCOL. THE SCHEDULES FOR THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE DELEGATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE TRADE CONFERENCE; FOR OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES COPIES ARE FORWARDED HEREWITH.

THIS AIRGRAM, TOGETHER WITH THE BALLOT PAPERS AND OTHER ENCLOSURES, ARE ADDRESSED TO CAPITALS, EXCEPT THAT FOR CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH HAVE LIAISON OFFICERS RESIDING IN EUROPE THE BALLOT PAPERS AND OTHER ENCLOSURES ARE BEING SENT WITH A COPY OF THIS AIRGRAM TO THEIR EUROPEAN OFFICES.

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