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As you may be aware, a seminar-type get-together has been planned for 30 November to provide an occasion for the representatives of the contracting parties to mark the GATT's fortieth anniversary.

I am sure this event will also be featured in the media. For my part I would stress that it also represents the fortieth anniversary of a Secretariat whose members have consistently shown the highest degree of dedication. I have no doubt that we will continue to do our best whatever the circumstances.

The very busy schedule which the Secretariat is confronted with makes it difficult to arrange our own celebration during the remaining period of this year. It is, however, my intention to do this in the not too distant future.

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