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COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

The Director-General has received the following communication, dated 13 October 1986, from the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization. In the light of the agreement in the Trade Negotiations Committee at its meeting of 17 November 1986 (MTN.TNC/1, paragraphs 7-8) and of the subsequent consultations, this communication is being put before the Negotiating Group on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, including Trade in Counterfeit Goods.

I have noted the reference to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in the Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round adopted in Punta del Este last month.

The question of WIPO's rôle in this connection will doubtless be discussed in next year's sessions of the Governing Bodies of WIPO. Pending the decisions of those Governing Bodies, I hereby express the request of WIPO that it be fully associated in all activities that GATT will undertake in the field of intellectual property, including the question of counterfeit goods, and, in particular, that WIPO be invited to all the meetings of the Trade Negotiations Committee as well as to those of the different Committees or Working Groups that may be entrusted to deal with intellectual property questions.