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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM  
IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC  
GROUP OF STATES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Letter dated 14 August 1981 from the representatives  
of the Bahamas, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Congo,  
Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, the Ivory Coast, Lesotho,  
Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Saint  
Lucia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, Suriname,  
Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, Zaire and Zimbabwe to the  
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from our Governments, which are members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), we have the honour to request, pursuant to rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-sixth session of the Assembly of an item entitled "Observer status for the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States in the General Assembly".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum concerning the request is annexed to this letter.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), comprising 61 members, was established pursuant to the Georgetown Agreement of 6 June 1975. It is an intergovernmental organization, with headquarters in Brussels, which serves as a forum for the African, Caribbean and Pacific States which are signatory to the Convention of Lomé in matters of common concern in the fields of trade, technology, industry and human resources. Its objectives are mainly to contribute to the development of greater and closer trade, economic and cultural relations among the ACP States and among developing countries in general and to contribute to the promotion of effective regional and interregional co-operation, as well as to promote the establishment of a new world economic order.

2. In view of the relevance of the aforementioned functions to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, the ACP Group believes it would be of great mutual benefit if the General Assembly would grant observer status to the ACP Group on the same basis on which such status has been granted to similar associations of States.

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