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STATUS OF AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS

Report by the Executive Secretary

The following is the status of the various protocols, etc. as of 17 November 1955:

(a) Definitive Application of the Agreement

The Resolution of 7 March 1955 (expressing agreement to the attaching of a reservation on acceptance of the General Agreement pursuant to Article XXVI) has been accepted by all contracting parties with the exception of the Government of Burma which advised on 15 October that the question was still under consideration.

(b) Protocols of Amendment

(i) Signatures

Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX

This Protocol has been signed by Canada, Cuba, France, Greece, Haiti, India, New Zealand, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. It has been signed ad referendum by Chile and the Federal Republic of Germany, and, subject to ratification, by the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III

This Protocol has been signed by Canada, Cuba, France, Greece, Haiti, India, New Zealand, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. It has been signed ad referendum by Chile and the Federal Republic of Germany, and, subject to ratification, by the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

* This document constitutes a revision of L/436 and Add. 1-2 bringing up to date the list of signatures of protocols etc.

The signatures of India and South Africa are subject to a reservation similar to that of the United States (which has already been notified to contracting parties). As these reservations do not affect the obligations of contracting parties pursuant to the Protocol of Provisional Application, the Executive Secretary, as depositary, does not regard them as reservations in the ordinary sense of the term and therefore does not propose to take any action in connexion therewith.

Protocol of Organizational Amendments

This Protocol has been signed by Greece, Haiti, India, New Zealand, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. It has been signed ad referendum by Chile and the Federal Republic of Germany, and subject to ratification, by the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The closing date for signature of these three protocols was 15 November 1955. Several delegations have indicated that their governments wish to request an extension of this date; the extension of the date might be until two weeks after the opening of the Eleventh Session.

(ii) Rectifications

A note reporting a number of errors in the protocols of amendment has been circulated (L/378). It has been suggested in L/378/Add.1 that the most convenient method of making the necessary rectifications would be to embody the corrections in a procès-verbal along the lines of the draft set out in that document. (In the third line of the first paragraph, the words "their rights" should be altered to read "the rights of contracting parties.") If this method of making the rectifications is approved, the text of the procès-verbal will be distributed and will be opened for signature towards the end of the Session. It should be signed also by the representatives of the countries which have already signed these protocols.

(c) Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation

This Agreement has been signed by Greece, Haiti and India. It has been signed ad referendum by Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Rhodesia and Nyasaland and Turkey, "subject to ratification" by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and "subject to approval" by the United States.

There is no closing date for signature of this Agreement.

(d) Protocols of Rectifications and Modifications

Second Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (8 November 1952)

This Protocol has been accepted by all contracting parties except Chile and Peru.

Third Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (24 October 1953)

This Protocol has been accepted by all contracting parties except Chile, Nicaragua and Peru.

Fourth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (7 March 1955)

This Protocol has been accepted by all contracting parties except Austria, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, France, Haiti and Peru. It has been signed ad referendum but not yet accepted by Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Nicaragua and Turkey.

(e) Protocol of Rectification to the French Text

This Protocol has been signed by Burma, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Greece, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Italy, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, South Africa and the United Kingdom. It has been signed ad referendum by Chile and the Federal Republic of Germany.

(f) Declaration on the Continued Application of Schedules

The Declaration of 10 March 1955 has been signed ad referendum by Chile and the Federal Republic of Germany. The Government of Chile has advised that, subject to reciprocity, it does not intend to resort to the provisions of Article XXVIII, and the Federal Government has undertaken, pending parliamentary confirmation, to observe its provisions. The Governments of Austria, Brazil, the Dominican Republic and Italy, for constitutional or other reasons, have been unable to sign the Declaration but they have undertaken to observe its provisions until such time as they are in a position to accept the obligations contained therein (L/365 and Add. 1-2).

Greece has requested an extension of the time limit for signature (L/448). The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland has stated that, in view of the introduction of its new tariff and of future negotiations, little purpose would be served by signature of the Declaration at this time (L/376). Nicaragua has given no indication of its attitude.

The Declaration has been accepted by the other twenty-six contracting parties.