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Request of the Government of Japan to negotiate with Contracting Parties with a View to Accession

The Government of Japan on 18 July notified its desire to negotiate for accession to the General Agreement under the procedures approved at the Sixth Session (see text of note reproduced hereunder).

In accordance with these procedures the Executive Secretary informed the contracting parties telegraphically on 19 July 1952 of the application of the Government of Japan, and requested them to advise by 19 August 1952, whether they had any objections to Japan entering into negotiations and, should negotiations take place, whether they would wish to participate.

A number of contracting parties indicated in reply that, owing to the importance of Japan in international trade, they considered that the question was one which should be examined at a session of the Contracting Parties.

The request of the Government of Japan has, therefore, been included in the Provisional Agenda in accordance with rule 2 of the tariff negotiation procedures, which provides that, if three or more contracting parties object to a government entering into negotiations under these procedures, the request should be referred to the next session of the Contracting Parties.

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Text of note addressed on 18 July 1952 to the Executive Secretary by the Government of Japan

"Under the instruction of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, I have the honour to state that the Japanese Government, having substantial interests in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 1947, wishes to enter into negotiations with the following contracting parties with a view to acceding to the said Agreement in accordance with the Procedures Governing Negotiations for Accession adopted by the Sixth Session of the Contracting Parties:

The Commonwealth of Australia
The Kingdom of Belgium
The Kingdom of the Netherlands
The Grand-Duchy of Luxemburg
The United States of Brazil
Burma
Canada

Ceylon
The Republic of Chile
The Republic of Cuba
The Republic of Finland
The French Republic
The Federal Republic of Germany
India
The Republic of Indonesia
The Republic of Italy
The Republic of Liberia
The Kingdom of Norway
New Zealand
Pakistan
The Republic of Peru
The Union of South Africa
Southern Rhodesia
The Kingdom of Sweden
The Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
The United States of America
The Republic of Korea (Subject to becoming a
contracting party)
The Republic of the Philippines (Subject to becoming
a contracting party)

"I therefore have the honour to request you to see that the present application of Japan is given due consideration at an early date."

