

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ACCESSION OF JAPAN

DRAFT DECISION ON JAPAN'S APPLICATION

At the Sixth Meeting of the Seventh Session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that further consideration should be given to the conditions and timing under which the Japanese application should be pursued by an intersessional committee. Accordingly the following draft decision is submitted for approval.

TAKING NOTE of the initiative of the Japanese Government in expressing its desire to accede to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and to enter into tariff negotiations to that end;

NOTING that Article XXXIII provides that a government which is not party to the General Agreement may accede to it on terms to be agreed between such government and the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

RECOGNIZING Japan's desire to cooperate with other trading nations of the world; and

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that Japan should take her rightful place in the community of trading nations and to that end should be admitted to appropriate international arrangements;

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

AGREE that, in order that further consideration may be given to the conditions and timing under which the Japanese application should be pursued, an intersessional committee should make a detailed examination of the matters involved in this application and report on them, the committee being authorised to discuss these matters, as necessary, with Japanese representatives.