

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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STATUS OF PROTOCOLS AND SCHEDULES AND DRAFT DECISIONS EXTENDING THE TIME FOR SIGNATURE OF THE TORQUAY PROTOCOL

The status of the Protocols as of 4 November is set out below.

The only comment received as to the status of Schedules as set out in document L/34 has been from Canada. In the sixth column for that country the words "and Syria-Lebanon (G)" should be deleted since Canada made no direct concessions to Syria-Lebanon.

In the last column for the United States the reference should be to item 740 instead of to item 720. Since no other comments have been received, the secretariat assumes that all the information contained in document L/34 is correct and complete.

A uniform text of the Agreement is now applicable to all contracting parties with the exception of Brazil and Nicaragua who have not yet signed the Torquay Protocol containing the amendment to Article XXVIII. A minor amendment to Annex D, contained in the Fifth Protocol of Rectifications, is not yet in force, pending signature of that Protocol by Nicaragua.

STATUS OF PROTOCOLS

<u>1.</u>	<u>Torquay Protocol</u>	<u>Not signed by</u>	<u>Last day of signature</u> *
		Brazil	31 December 1952
		Nicaragua	expired
		Korea	expired
		Philippines	21 May 1953
		Uruguay	30 April 1953
<u>2.</u>	<u>Annecy Protocol</u>	Uruguay	30 April 1953
<u>3.</u>	<u>Protocols not yet in force</u>	<u>Not signed by</u>	
	Fifth Protocol of Rectifications	Nicaragua	
	Fifth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications	Austria Brazil Indonesia Nicaragua	

* Draft Decisions for approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES are appended to this document

DECISION OF NOVEMBER 1952 GRANTING A FURTHER EXTENSION
OF THE TIME-LIMIT FOR SIGNATURE OF THE TORQUAY PROTOCOL

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that the Protocol would be open for signature by present contracting parties and acceding governments until 21 October 1951 and that the Decisions of 24 October 1951 and 15 July 1952 provided for extensions of this time-limit,

CONSIDERING that the Governments of Brazil and the Philippines were unable to sign the Protocol by the dates fixed in the aforementioned Decisions,

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to these governments to sign the Protocol,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

ACTING pursuant to Article XXXIII of the General Agreement,

DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol, signature of the Protocol shall be deemed to be effective for all purposes of that Protocol, if affixed by the Government of Brazil not later than 31 December 1952 and by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines not later than 21 May 1953, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present Decision to the Secretary-General of the United States.

DECISION OF NOVEMBER 1952 EXTENDING THE TIME-LIMIT
FOR URUGUAY TO SIGN THE ANNECY AND TORQUAY PROTOCOLS

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Annecy Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that the Protocol would be open for signature until 30 April 1950 by acceding governments and that the Decisions of 9 November 1950 and 24 October 1951 provided for extensions of this time-limit,

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that the Protocol would be open for signature until 21 October 1951 by Uruguay, and that the Decision of 24 October 1951 provided for an extension of this time-limit,

CONSIDERING that the Government of Uruguay was unable to sign these Protocols by that date, and

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Uruguayan Government to accede to the General Agreement,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

ACTING pursuant to Article XXXIII of the General Agreement,

DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 10 of the Ancey Protocol and paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol, signature of the Ancey Protocol or of the Torquay Protocol by the Government of Uruguay shall be effective for all purposes of these protocols if affixed not later than 30 April 1953, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present Decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.