

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
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LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES

SIGNATURE OF THE PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION

Note by the Executive Secretary

The purpose of this Note is, in accordance with the suggestion agreed upon at the third session (GATT/CP.3/SR.43, page 4), to remind Contracting Parties that the limit date for signature by them of the Annecy Protocol of Accession is 30 November, 1949, and that a failure to sign the Protocol will be taken as a negative vote on the accession of the acceding governments.

The present position is that so far nine contracting parties (Australia, Canada, France, Lebanon, Netherlands, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, United Kingdom and United States) have signed the Protocol in respect of all acceding governments. In accordance with Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the contracting parties is necessary for accession and therefore a minimum of sixteen signatures is required.
