

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES

ACCEPTANCE OF PROTOCOLS

Establishment of a Common Text of the General Agreement

At their Fourth Session the Contracting Parties adopted a Resolution inviting all contracting parties to accept each of the protocols which modifies the text of the General Agreement. The text of the resolution (which will be found in GATT/CP.4/24/Rev.2 and in GATT/CP/61, page 12) draws attention to the fact that for some articles of the Agreement there are now two versions, one in force for contracting parties which have accepted an amending protocol and the other for those which have not accepted the protocol. The Contracting Parties were of the opinion that this situation may cause confusion and impair the smooth operation of the Agreement, and therefore resolved that the establishment of a uniform text is highly desirable. The Resolution invites those contracting parties which have not signed or accepted all the protocols modifying the Agreement to do so prior to the opening of the Torquay tariff negotiations on 28 September 1950.

Further, the Contracting Parties adopted a recommendation urging those contracting parties which have not signed the protocols rectifying and modifying the Schedules to the Agreement to make arrangements to do so without further delay. These protocols cannot enter into force until they have been signed by all contracting parties.

The following is a list of the outstanding protocols together with the names of the contracting parties which, according to information received to date from the Headquarters of the United Nations, have not signed or accepted them:

1. Protocols in force, but not accepted by all contracting parties

(action required: - deposit of instrument of acceptance)

<u>Name of Protocol</u>	<u>Contracting parties which have not accepted</u>
Protocol 2 - Special Protocol relating to Article XXIV	Australia Brazil Burma Ceylon New Zealand U. of S. Africa
Protocol 5 - Protocol Modifying Part II and Article XXVI	Brazil
Protocol 7 - Protocol Modifying Article XXVI	Burma Ceylon Chile Cuba Indonesia Syria U. of S. Africa

2. Protocols not yet in force (requiring unanimity)

<u>Name of Protocol</u>	<u>Action required</u>	<u>Contracting parties which have not accepted or signed</u>
Protocol 4 - Protocol Modifying Part I and Article XXIX	Deposit of instrument of acceptance	Brazil Chile
Protocol 8 - Protocol Replacing Schedule I (Australia)	Signature	Burma Ceylon Cuba Syria
Protocol 9 - Protocol Replacing Schedule VI (Ceylon)	Signature	Burma Ceylon Chile Cuba Syria
First Protocol of Modifications	Signature	Burma Ceylon Chile Cuba Syria
Third Protocol of Rectifications	Signature	Burma Ceylon Cuba Syria
Fourth Protocol of Rectifications	Signature	Australia Brazil Burma Canada Ceylon Chile Cuba Czechos. Greece Haiti India Lebanon Liberia Netherlands N.Zealand Pakistan Sweden Syria U.of S. Africa

A report on the status of the Protocols will be prepared in advance of the Fifth Session. Meanwhile all signatures and acceptances will be reported in addenda to this document.

It should be noted by the Governments of Greece, Haiti, Liberia and Sweden that, in addition to the protocols which they signed or accepted when signing the Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession, their signature is required to the Fourth Protocol of Rectifications before that protocol can enter into force.

