

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES

DRAFT REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EXCHANGE

AGREEMENTS

Draft Resolution No 1

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

CONSIDERING that paragraph 6 of Article XV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that any contracting party, which is not a member of the International Monetary Fund, shall, within a time to be determined by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, after consultation with the Fund, become a member of the Fund, or, failing that, enter into a special exchange agreement with the CONTRACTING PARTIES,

CONSIDERING that paragraph 6 of Article XV of the General Agreement provides further that any contracting party which ceases to be a member of the Fund shall forthwith enter into a special exchange agreement with the CONTRACTING PARTIES,

CONSIDERING further that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of the said Article, such special exchange agreement shall provide to the satisfaction of the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the objectives of the General Agreement will not be frustrated as a result of action in exchange matters by the contracting party in question, and taking into account that the terms of such agreement shall not impose obligations on that contracting party in exchange matters generally more restrictive than those imposed by the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund on members of the Fund,

HEREBY ADOPT the text annexed to the Resolution as the text of the special exchange agreement for the purpose of the above mentioned provisions of the General Agreement;

RESOLVE that each existing contracting party not then a member of the Fund shall enter into a special exchange agreement in the terms of the text annexed to this Resolution by depositing an instrument of acceptance on or before the first day after 1 November 1949 on which the CONTRACTING PARTIES are in session;

RESOLVE that each government which shall hereafter become a contracting party shall enter into a special exchange agreement in the terms of the text annexed to this Resolution by depositing an instrument of acceptance within four months after it becomes a contracting party or on as before the first day after 1 November 1949 on which the CONTRACTING PARTIES are in session (whichever is the later), if it is not then a member of the Fund;

RESOLVE that any contracting party which ceases to be a member of the Fund shall enter into a special exchange agreement in the terms of the text annexed to this Resolution by depositing an instrument of acceptance forthwith (which shall in no event be later than thirty days after it ceases to be a member of the Fund);

AUTHORIZE the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to sign on their behalf each of the agreements referred to above; and to take all necessary action to give effect to this Resolution.

Draft Resolution No 2

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

CONSIDERING that the representatives of New Zealand have indicated that certain special difficulties are raised for their Government by the text of the special exchange agreement adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES,

RESOLVE that, notwithstanding the terms of paragraphs 4 and 5 of the resolution adopted by them on _____, the Government of New Zealand shall not be required to enter into a special exchange agreement until it has had opportunity at the first meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in session after 1 November 1949, to make proposals designed to meet the difficulties referred to above, and until a date for the acceptance of a special exchange agreement by the Government of New Zealand ~~is fixed~~ by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES
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ANNEX

DRAFT OF SPECIAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS paragraph 6 of Article XV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the General Agreement") provides that any contracting party which is not a member of the International Monetary Fund (hereinafter called "the Fund") shall, within a time to be determined by the CONTRACTING PARTIES after consultation with the Fund, become a member of the Fund, or, failing that, enter into a special exchange agreement with the CONTRACTING PARTIES; (1)

WHEREAS paragraph 7 of the said Article provides that such special exchange agreement shall provide to the satisfaction of the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the objectives of the General Agreement will not be frustrated as a result of action in exchange matters by the contracting party in question, and taking into account that the terms of such agreement shall not impose obligations on the contracting party in exchange matters generally more restrictive than those imposed by the Articles of Agreement of the Fund on members of the Fund;

WHEREAS by Resolution of June 1949 the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted the text of the special exchange agreement for the purpose of giving effect to the above-mentioned provisions of the General Agreement and authorized their Chairman to sign on their behalf a special exchange agreement in the terms of this text with any contracting party which is not a member of the Fund and to take all necessary action to give effect to that Resolution;

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

and

The Government of _____ acting through its representative
duly authorized for this purpose

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS :

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- (1) The first paragraph of the preamble shall be replaced by the following text in the case of a contracting party which has ceased to be a member of the Fund :

"WHEREAS paragraph 6 of Article XV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as the "General Agreement") provides that any contracting party which ceases to be a member of the International Monetary Fund (hereinafter called "the Fund") shall forthwith enter into a special exchange agreement with the CONTRACTING PARTIES."