

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

SECOND SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Request of Pakistan for Renegotiation of Certain

Items in Schedule XV

At the eighth meeting of the first session of the Contracting Parties, the representative of Pakistan, who was present as a participating observer, recalled that the tariff negotiations at Geneva had been conducted by the Government of India, and he inquired whether the Contracting Parties would agree to reopen the negotiations on certain items. It was decided that this question should be included in the agenda for the second session and that Pakistan should supply more specific information.

In this connexion, the Counsellor of the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C., addressed the following communication to the Executive Secretary on 18 June 1948:

"I am directed by the Government of Pakistan to inform you that at the first session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Havana, Pakistan's request for permission to renegotiate certain items of its Schedule XV attached to the Agreement was put on the agenda of the second session but the parties wanted a specific list of items from Pakistan for consideration there. Please refer to unrestricted document GATT/1/SR.8 dated March 17, 1948. The irreducible minimum number of items in respect of which Pakistan would like to withdraw concessions and to renegotiate are mentioned below with the name of the country which obtained the concession shown against each item.

"Item 31 (4) Camphor	USA ✓
Item 49 (b) Textile manufactures	China ?
Item 49 (2) Ribbons	France ✓
Item 50 (3) Glass beads and false pearls	Czechoslovakia ✓
Item 73 (4) Wireless receivers etc.	USA ✓
Item 79 Musical instruments and parts thereof and records for talking machines	France ✓

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"Please inform countries concerned so that they may come prepared for renegotiation at forthcoming second session. As the special nature of Pakistan's case in this matter was recognized by the Contracting Parties, we are signing the Protocol of Provisional Application before June 30th."

The Protocol of Provisional Application was signed on behalf of Pakistan on 30 June.