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LETTER DATED 14 JUNE 1948 FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GREECE
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DECLARING THE
DESIRE OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO BE A CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Note by the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission for the
International Trade Organization

There is reproduced below a letter addressed by the Foreign Minister of Greece to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and which the latter has forwarded, in accordance with the Foreign Minister's request, to the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission. The Greek Government has been informed that this request will be included in the Agenda of the Second Session of the Contracting Parties to which the Greek Government, in common with other members of the Interim Commission, has been invited to send observers (document ICITO 1/6).

/"Athens,

"Athens, June 14th, 1948

"The Royal Hellenic Government has the honour to declare hereby that it is desirous to be a Contracting Party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in accordance with Article XXXIII of the said Agreement which provides for the admission of new members.

"In making this declaration the Royal Hellenic Government has in view both the original text of the Agreement signed at Geneva on October 30, 1947 and the Protocol of Rectifications to this text, which was prepared during the first Session of the Contracting Parties at Habana and was signed at the final plenary Session of the Trade and Employment Conference of the United Nations. Both these texts are accepted by the Royal Hellenic Government.

"As during the next second Session of the Contracting Parties amongst other matters the program of future negotiations will be discussed, we have the honour to request you to kindly transmit this declaration of ours to the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization and also to the Secretariat of GATT so that we may be invited in due course to take part in the proceedings of the Session and to proceed to separate negotiations with other members according to suggestions to be given to us.

s/s C. Tsaldaris"

