

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES
Fourth Session

NOTIFICATION BY HAITI

UNDER PARAGRAPH 11 OF ARTICLE XVIII

The Haitian Delegation at Annecy notified the Contracting Parties on 8 June 1949, under Paragraph 11 of Article XVIII, of the existence in Haiti of a State monopoly affecting the import of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. The notification was circulated as document GATT/CP.3/40. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12 of Article XVIII, Haiti should have submitted a statement of considerations in support of the maintenance of the measure within 60 days after its becoming a contracting party.

This period expired on 1 March 1950. The Haitian Government, in reply to an enquiry sent by the Executive Secretary, has indicated that it will not be represented at the present session of the Contracting Parties. The Haitian Government also informed the Secretariat that the required statement will be submitted by the end of March and requested that this be examined at the next session of the Contracting Parties.

In view of the specific requirement in paragraph 12 of Article XVIII regarding the time limit for the submission of such statements, it will be necessary for the Contracting Parties, if they wish to accept the request of Haiti, to ~~take~~ take a decision on the basis of paragraph 5 (a) of Article XXV to grant a waiver. A draft Decision is annexed hereto.

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DRAFT DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE SUBMISSION
OF A STATEMENT, UNDER PARAGRAPH 12 OF ARTICLE XVIII, BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI

WHEREAS statements of considerations in support of the maintenance of existing measures under paragraph 12 of Article XVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade shall be made by a contracting party within 60 days of its becoming a contracting party, and

WHEREAS the Government of Haiti, which became a contracting party on 1 January 1950, expects to be in a position to submit such a statement with respect to the measure notified by that Government on June 8, 1949, one month after the expiration of the 60-day period,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

EXERCISING their power of waiver under paragraph 5 (a) of Article XXV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

DECIDE THAT such a statement, if submitted by the Government of Haiti on or before 31 March 1950, shall be treated as though it had been submitted within the 60-day period.

