

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES
Fourth Session

STATUS OF PROTOCOLS
(Item 6 of the Agenda)

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RESOLUTION INVITING THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO ACCEPT
ALL AMENDING PROTOCOLS TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE WHICH HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP BY THE
CONTRACTING PARTIES

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

TAKING NOTE that several of the Protocols amending the provisions and Schedules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which have been drawn up at the sessions of the Contracting Parties and opened for signature or acceptance by the contracting parties, have not to date been accepted by all the contracting parties, and

CONSIDERING that the existence of two versions of certain articles of the General Agreement, which results in contracting parties being subject to different rights and obligations, may cause confusion and impair the smooth operation of the General Agreement, and

CONSIDERING that the governments which will participate in the Torquay tariff negotiations with a view to acceding to the General Agreement will be required to accept all amendments to the Agreement which have been drawn up by the Contracting Parties,

RESOLVE that the establishment of a uniform text of the General Agreement applicable to all contracting parties alike is highly desirable, and

HEREBY INVITE those contracting parties which have not signed or deposited instruments of acceptance for all the amending protocols to the Agreement to give renewed consideration to these protocols with a view to their signature or acceptance prior to the opening of the Torquay tariff negotiations on 28 September 1950.

