

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES
Fifth Session

CREDENTIALS

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. Credentials to attend and participate in the Fifth Session

Credentials for sessions of the Contracting Parties should take the form of a communication from or on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (or the Head of State or the Prime Minister) authorising representatives to perform on behalf of the contracting party the functions indicated in Article XXV of the General Agreement.

All the delegations of the contracting parties have deposited with the Secretariat credentials enabling them to participate in the meetings of the Fifth Session, with the exception of Burma, Luxembourg and Sweden, who have advised the Secretariat that these will be deposited shortly. The full powers for the representatives of Greece refer to the Torquay Tariff Conference and not specifically to the session of the Contracting Parties, but it is suggested that these be considered as sufficient for participation in the Fifth Session.

II. Signature of Instruments open for signature at the close of the Fifth Session

A Fifth Protocol of Rectifications will be open for signature at the close of the Fifth Session and it is hoped that as many delegations as possible will sign this instrument at Torquay, as well as any other instrument which may be opened for signature at the close of this Session.

The following Delegations have deposited with the Secretariat full powers to sign any instrument drawn up at this Session:

Belgium	Denmark	Haiti	United Kingdom
Brazil	Dominican Republic	Netherlands	
Chile	Finland	New Zealand	
	Greece	Southern Rhodesia	

The Fifth Protocol of Rectifications in its present form does not permit signature with a reservation as to acceptance. As the Agreement is being applied only provisionally, signature can be made which would bind only the executive authority, acting as a contracting party pursuant to the Protocol of Provisional Application. Therefore, a full power which contains a reservation as to ratification, but does not provide that signature would be ad referendum to the executive authority, would be adequate.

All delegations which do not have full powers are requested to obtain them (in the form of a communication signed by the Foreign Minister, Prime Minister or Head of State, specifically authorizing signature) before the close of the Fifth Session in order that any of the Protocols mentioned above drawn up may be signed in Torquay.