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## COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

### Accession Without Negotiations of Bangladesh

#### Note by the Secretariat

In the light of the discussions at the meeting of the Committee of Participating Countries held on 17 October 1975, a draft Decision and a draft Protocol for the Accession without negotiations of Bangladesh to the Protocol Relating to Negotiations Among Developing Countries are circulated in the attachment for consideration.

In addition to any amendments or revisions the Committee may wish to suggest, paragraph 1(ii) and the related paragraph 2 of the draft Protocol of Accession remain to be completed in the light of a decision by participating countries on the nature of the counterpart commitments expected from Bangladesh with respect to participating countries, having regard, inter alia, to any concessions exchanged by Bangladesh in other contexts including that of the recently signed Bangkok Agreement.

It may be noted that, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Protocol, the adoption of a decision regarding accession requires a two-thirds majority.

Accession of Bangladesh

Draft Decision

The COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES,

Having regard to the request of the Government of Bangladesh dated 13 August 1975 for accession without negotiations to the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries and having prepared a Protocol for the Accession of Bangladesh,

Decides, in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 14 of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries, that the Government of Bangladesh may accede to the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries on the terms set out in the said Protocol of Accession.

Draft Protocol for the Accession of Bangladesh to the  
Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations  
Among Developing Countries

The governments which are parties to the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries (hereinafter referred to as "participating countries" and "the Protocol", respectively), and the Government of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as "Bangladesh"),

Desirous of expanding their mutual trade relations,

Taking note of the request of Bangladesh dated 13 August 1975 for accession to the Protocol without negotiations,

Having regard to the provisions of the Protocol, including paragraph 14 concerning accession of a developing country not a signatory thereto, and in particular, accession without carrying out negotiations for the exchange of concessions,

Have through their representatives agreed as follows:

1. Bangladesh shall, upon entry into force of this Protocol of Accession pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Protocol, become a participating country to the Protocol and shall apply the Protocol subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) Bangladesh shall, consistent with its rules and regulations applying to the conduct of foreign trade, co-operate with participating countries in promoting the objectives contained in the Protocol.
- (ii) Duties and other regulations of commerce applied by Bangladesh to products originating in participating countries shall not be higher or more restrictive than to be completed.

- (iii) In compliance with the provisions governing the application of rules of origin contained in Annex A to the Protocol, Bangladesh shall provide relevant information on its rules of origin and certifying agencies to the Committee of Participating Countries (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") within ninety days from the date of the entry into force of this Protocol of Accession.
- (iv) Bangladesh shall promptly notify to the Committee any changes in its foreign trade régime which may affect the trade interests of participating countries.
- (v) If Bangladesh institutes or intensifies quantitative restrictions or other measures limiting imports because of balance-of-payments difficulties or as a result of unforeseen developments, immediate notice of such action shall be given to the Committee; and Bangladesh shall provide adequate opportunity for consultation in respect of such action where it may adversely affect the trade interests of a participating country.
- (vi) Bangladesh shall provide the Committee with statistics and other details of imports originating from participating countries on an annual basis, and shall also provide such other information as the Committee may from time to time require for the discharge of its functions.

2. Products originating in Bangladesh shall be entitled to the treatment provided for in the schedules of concessions annexed to the Protocol; to be completed.

3. This Protocol of Accession shall be valid for a period of   7   years from the date of its entry into force. Prior to the expiration of this period, Bangladesh may apply for an extension of the duration of this Protocol of Accession or may enter into negotiations with participating countries for an exchange of concessions. The Committee shall consider any such requests, and in this connexion shall adopt a decision in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 14 of the Protocol which may extend this Protocol of Accession or provide for a new protocol of accession.

4. The provisions of the Protocol to be applied by Bangladesh shall be the provisions contained in the text done in Geneva on 8 December 1971, as rectified, amended or otherwise modified by such instruments as may have become effective on the entry into force of this Protocol of Accession.
5. The Protocol of Accession shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT. It shall be open for signature by Bangladesh until [date]. It shall also be open for signature by participating countries.
6. This Protocol of Accession shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the day upon which it shall have been signed by Bangladesh.
7. The Director-General to the GATT shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Protocol of Accession and a notification of each signature thereto, pursuant to paragraph 5, to each participating country and to Bangladesh.
8. This Protocol of Accession shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Done at Geneva this                      day of                      one thousand nine hundred  
and seventy-six in a single copy, in the English, French and Spanish languages,  
each text being authentic.