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TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND  
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

At Torquay the delegations of the Federal Republic of Germany and of the Republic of Turkey conducted tariff negotiations and drew up lists of concessions which were initialled by the heads of the two delegations, but were not incorporated into the Torquay Protocol because Turkey could not agree to give effect to its concessions until it obtained a substantial reduction of the German internal taxes on tobacco. The two delegations therefore handed their bilateral lists to the Executive Secretary with a joint note signifying that the concessions were to be kept in suspense pending agreement on the tax question. Upon agreement being reached, the Executive Secretary would be informed and the procedure for the incorporation of the concessions into the General Agreement initiated.

After the Torquay Conference, the two governments agreed to give provisional effect to the concessions. A Protocol was therefore drawn up and signed by the two governments on 19 February 1952 putting the concessions negotiated at Torquay into force, provisionally, outside the framework of the General Agreement. The Protocol, the text of which is reproduced in the Annex, provides for its termination at any time subject to three months notice and subordinates the incorporation of the concessions into the General Agreement to the attainment of a satisfactory reduction of the German internal taxes on tobacco.

Under the most-favoured-nation clause of Article I of the General Agreement, the concessions contained in the Protocol and listed in the Annex hereto will be extended to all contracting parties to the General Agreement.

ANNEX <sup>1</sup>

Text of Protocol IV between the Federal Republic of Germany  
and the Republic of Turkey

Following negotiations which led to the agreements signed on this date, the Turkish delegation and the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany agree to the following:

The Turkish Government and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany agree to put into force, provisionally and outside the scope of the GATT, their bilateral schedules of concessions negotiated at Torquay the entry into force of which was made subject to a substantial reduction by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany of its internal taxes on tobacco in Germany.

The two Governments also agree to raise the duty on item No. 558 H 1 in the Turkish schedule from 65 to 80 Turkish pounds.

Either of the two Governments will be entitled to terminate the application of their respective schedules at any time upon three months' notice.

It is agreed that the insertion of the concessions contained in the annexed schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade remains subject, as stipulated in the joint letter of the delegation of Turkey and the Federal Republic of Germany addressed to the Executive Secretary of the GATT at the Torquay Conference, to agreement being reached between the two Governments after achieving a satisfactory reduction by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany of internal taxes on tobacco in Germany.

Done at Ankara, 16 February 1952, in four copies of which two in Turkish and two in German, and each of the texts being valid. An official translation into French is annexed.

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<sup>1</sup> The lists of concessions attached to the Protocol are available for consultation in the secretariat.