

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

### Extension of Time-Limit contained in paragraph 1(b) of the Declaration on the Continued Application of Schedules

Contracting parties which signed the Declaration on the Continued Application of Schedules were bound by the Declaration to complete their negotiations under Article XXVIII, by 30 September 1955. In order to take account of the position of those signatories of the Declaration which, because of special circumstances, have not been able to complete these negotiations but wish to be allowed more time in which to do so, the Intersessional Committee at its meeting of 22-24 September took the following decision.

WHEREAS certain contracting parties which have signed the Declaration of 10 March 1955 are having recourse to paragraph 1(b) of the Declaration which allows them to continue until 30 September 1955 negotiations which they entered into under the procedures of Article XXVIII prior to 1 July 1955,

WHEREAS some of these contracting parties have not been able to complete all of their negotiations within the specified time-limit of 30 September 1955, having been prevented from doing so inter alia by the enforced suspension of negotiations through the month of August owing to lack of office and hotel accommodation in Geneva,

WHEREAS these circumstances are deemed by the Intersessional Committee to constitute "special circumstances" in the sense of paragraph 4 of Article XXVIII (revised),

The Intersessional Committee

DECIDES that the Governments of Austria, Belgium-Luxemburg-Netherlands, Ceylon, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden and United Kingdom are hereby authorized, with effect from 1 October 1955, to continue their negotiations, subject to the procedures and conditions laid down in paragraph 4 of Article XXVIII (revised), on any items included in their notifications submitted prior to 1 July 1955 and on which no agreement is reached by 30 September 1955.

Upon completion of negotiations the contracting parties named in this Decision should notify the results to the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the arrangements set out in SECRET/24 and Addenda 2 and 4, and will be free to make the withdrawals and modifications effective thirty days after the date of notification. Further, contracting parties should inform the Executive Secretary of the date on which they give effect to the agreed changes in their schedules. Compensatory concessions should be made effective not later than that date.