

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT TO TERRITORIES WHICH ACQUIRE AUTONOMY IN COMMERCIAL MATTERS

### Note by the Executive Secretary

Referring to the Recommendation adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 18 November 1960 (L/1396) the Governments of the Republic of Chad, of the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) and of the Republic of Senegal, have written as follows:

#### Republic of Chad - Communication of 23 January 1961

"The application of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to the Republic of Chad has been carefully reviewed by our Government. ....

"I have the honour to inform you that, in compliance with the Recommendation adopted during the seventeenth session, the Government of the Republic of Chad will continue to apply the General Agreement in its trade relations with the contracting parties.

"However, as regards the future relations to be established by the Government of the Republic of Chad with the GATT, I shall not be in a position to give you a reply until such time as a decision is reached on a common policy towards that institution as a result of the consultations and deliberations now in progress between the four member States of the Equatorial Customs Union."

#### Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) - Communication of 18 February 1961

"I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of the Congo gives its assent to the contents of the Recommendation under reference and that it is prepared, for its part, to apply with full effect, during that period, the provisions of the General Agreement in its trade relations with the contracting parties.

"During that period, our Government will undertake a thorough examination of all the problems arising from its accession to GATT.

"I must bring to your notice, however, that the Republic of the Congo is bound by a Customs Union with the Republic of Gabon, Chad and Central Africa, and that the terms of that convention make it mandatory for our Government to adopt a common policy in matters of tariffs and trade.

"Furthermore, the Republic of the Congo belongs to the Congo Basin Convention and cannot for the present, under the Saint-Germain Agreement, apply any discriminatory or preferential import duties. Inasmuch, however, as this situation appears to be detrimental to the economic development of the Congo, particularly with respect to its industrialization, our Government is contemplating, jointly with the other member States of the Customs Union, the possibility of amending that international status. ...."

Republic of Senegal - Communication of 10 March 1961

"I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Senegal has decided to make use of that period of time to study and define its final position towards the GATT and that, during that period, it will continue, for its part, to apply the provisions of the General Agreement."

