

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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PROTOCOL INTRODUCING PART IV ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Acceptance by Cuba

The following communication dated 28 December 1965 has been received from the permanent representative of Cuba in Geneva, with a request that copies be distributed to contracting parties.

I have the honour to inform you that the Revolutionary Government of Cuba has authorized me to accept in its name the Protocol Amending the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to Introduce a Part IV on Trade and Development. It must, however, be understood

- (a) that Cuba's acceptance of Part IV does not mean that it considers that this text meets the principles and objectives set forth in Article XXXVI of Part IV;
- (b) that the scope of Part IV is limited from the outset because it leaves aside a problem of such importance as that of preferences. Accordingly, the Revolutionary Government of Cuba, on the basis of the conclusions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and on the opinions expressed by the other under-developed countries during the discussions on the new Part IV, reserves the right again to bring these problems, which it considers fundamental, before the appropriate organs of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

The reasons underlying our reservations in regard to the new Part IV were explained in detail by the representative of Cuba at the special session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 19 November 1964.

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