

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ACCESSION OF ROMANIA

The permanent mission of the Socialist Republic of Romania has presented the following formal application for accession, dated 22 July 1968, to the secretariat.

The Socialist Republic of Romania pursues a policy of trade development and economic co-operation with all countries, whatever their social and economic systems, in accordance with the principles of national independence and sovereignty, equality of rights, non-interference in domestic affairs, and mutual advantage.

In recent years Romania has increased its external trade uninterruptedly and at the same time diversified both its imports and exports and its trading partners.

The economic development of Romania has created a solid base for the future extension of its external trade relations.

For those precise reasons the Romanian Government believes that participation in the activities of the international bodies created to facilitate the development of international trade is an integral part of its general policy.

Since 1957 Romania has participated as an observer in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. During this period the Romanian Government has carefully studied the General Agreement and has followed the activities carried out under it.

Having regard to the objectives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in the promotion of international trade, the Romanian Government, in the spirit of Article XXIII of the General Agreement, expresses its desire that negotiations be opened with the CONTRACTING PARTIES with a view to finding mutually advantageous conditions for its participation in the General Agreement, and the hope that these negotiations may reach a successful conclusion.

This item will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council of Representatives.

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