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## PROCEDURES FOR MODIFICATIONS AND RECTIFICATIONS

### Note by the Director-General

#### Addendum

Since document L/3062 was issued on 29 August the secretariat has been in contact with many delegations concerning the proposals contained therein and in particular concerning the text of the draft decision to establish procedures for modifications and rectifications. It appears that the proposals and the text of the draft decision meet, generally, with the approval of contracting parties so far as changes in Schedules are concerned. However, two governments have informed the secretariat that they cannot agree to rectifications to the authentic text of GATT Articles being made under the proposed procedure and therefore they cannot support the proposal set out in the sixth paragraph of document L/3062. Accordingly, the provision for rectifications to the Articles of the GATT will have to be deleted from the draft decision. The secretariat, in consultation with delegations, will study other means of dealing with this problem.

The following revised draft decision is proposed for action at the session:

## PROCEDURES FOR MODIFICATION AND RECTIFICATION OF SCHEDULES

### Draft Decision

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade decided at their ninth session to amend the General Agreement to establish a procedure for the certification of amendments to the Schedules annexed to the Agreement which record rectifications of a purely formal character or modifications resulting from action taken under paragraph 6 of Article II, Article XVIII, Article XXIV, Article XXVII and Article XXVIII, and to this end provided, in the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX, for the addition of a paragraph to Article XXX;

Considering that the said Protocol has not entered into force and that the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided at their twenty-fourth session to abandon the Protocol; and

Desiring to establish a procedure for the certification of such changes to the Schedules;

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The CONTRACTING PARTIES decide that:

1. Changes in the authentic texts of Schedules annexed to the General Agreement to reflect modifications which have entered into force in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Article II, Article XVIII, Article XXIV, Article XXVII or Article XXVIII, shall be certified by means of Certifications.
2. Changes in the authentic texts of Schedules which are rectifications of a purely formal character shall be made by Certifications.
3. A draft of each Certification containing changes described in paragraph 1 or 2 shall be communicated by the Director-General to all the contracting parties and shall become a Certification provided that no objection has been raised by a contracting party within sixty days on the ground that, in the case of changes described in paragraph 1, the draft Certification does not correctly reflect the modifications or, in the case of changes described in paragraph 2, a proposed rectification is not within the terms of that paragraph.
4. Whenever practicable Certifications shall record the date of entry into force of each modification and the effective date of each rectification.
5. The procedure of certification under this Decision may be applied for the establishment of consolidated Schedules or of new Schedules under paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, wherein all changes are modifications or rectifications referred to in paragraph 1 or 2.