

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE LVIII - MALAWI

### Submission of Documentation

The CONTRACTING PARTIES decided on 28 November 1967 (BISD, Fifteenth Supplement, page 89) to suspend the application of Articles I and II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of Malawi to apply new rates of duty, pending the examination by the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the margins of preference in the new customs tariff and the conclusion of renegotiations for the modification or withdrawal of concessions in Schedule LVIII - Malawi.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of the Decision the Government of Malawi has now transmitted to the secretariat a list of withdrawn bindings with import statistics and a draft new Schedule LVIII - Malawi. Two copies of these documents<sup>1</sup> are being sent to each contracting party.

The Government of Malawi has indicated that it will be in a position to conduct the negotiations under the Decision and to take part in the examination of the margins of preference in the first quarter of 1969. A formal request for the extension of the waiver, the validity of which will otherwise expire on 31 December 1968, will be submitted to the twenty-fifth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The Government of Malawi recalls in this connexion that it was prepared to initiate the negotiations and the examination of the margins of preference in May or June 1968 but that this was not possible due to the heavy work programme of the contracting parties at that time.

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<sup>1</sup>In English only.