

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

Territorial Application

Addendum

The following communication dated 19 March has been addressed to the Director-General by the permanent representative of Chile in Geneva.

In taking cognizance of the list of contracting parties and territories in respect of which the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is applied (list reproduced in document L/3166) my Government has remarked that several countries include therein references to "Antarctic territories" and "Antarctic possessions".

With respect to these references the Chilean Government wishes to state that it reaffirms and maintains its sovereignty over the Chilean Antarctic territory, falling between longitude 53° and longitude 90° west of Greenwich and consequently does not recognize the right of any other country to apply in Chilean territory the provisions of the General Agreement. In this connexion the Chilean Government further recalls Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty signed at Washington on 1 December 1959 to which it is a party, and in which its participation cannot in any way be interpreted as constituting complete or partial renunciation of its full rights of sovereignty over the territory belonging to it.

I would request the Director-General kindly to distribute an official GATT document informing the contracting parties of my Government's position on this matter.