

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

The Director-General has received a communication from the representative of Tunisia, dated 30 October 1969, recalling the reasons which had led the Tunisian Government in 1968, to ask for an extension, until 31 December 1969, of the provisional accession of Tunisia. These reasons, as explained in an aide-mémoire distributed in document L/3060 of 26 September 1968, were in particular the concern of the Tunisian Government to negotiate its definitive accession on the basis of a new customs tariff, with a nomenclature and new duty rates consistent with the objectives of the Tunisian three-year and four-year plans.

In this respect the Tunisian Government wishes to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the elaboration of the new customs tariff has not yet been achieved. For this reason and in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the provisional accession of Tunisia the Tunisian Government requests a further extension until 31 December 1970 of the validity of the Declaration.

To facilitate consideration of this request at the next Council meeting, the secretariat has drawn up a draft procès-verbal extending the Declaration on provisional accession and a draft decision prolonging the invitation to Tunisia to participate in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. These drafts are annexed hereto.

A note on the present status of the Declaration is also annexed.

Annex 1

SIXTH PROCES-VERBAL EXTENDING THE DECLARATION ON
THE PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

Draft

The parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Declaration" and "the General Agreement", respectively),

Acting pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Declaration,

Agree that

1. The validity of the Declaration is extended for a further year by changing the date in paragraph 6 to "31 December 1970".
2. This Procès-Verbal shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement. It shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Tunisia and by the participating governments. It shall become effective between the Government of Tunisia and any participating government as soon as it shall have been accepted by the Government of Tunisia and such government.
3. The Director-General shall furnish a certified copy of this Procès-Verbal and a notification of each acceptance thereof to the Government of Tunisia and to each contracting party to the General Agreement.

Done at Geneva this day of , one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being authentic.

Annex 2

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE DECISION OF 12 NOVEMBER 1959
INVITING TUNISIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE
CONTRACTING PARTIES

Draft

Considering that the parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are taking steps, pursuant to paragraph 6 of that Declaration, to extend further the period of validity of the Declaration:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Decide to extend further the period of validity of the Decision of 12 November 1959, which provided for the participation of Tunisia in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, until the Government of Tunisia accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII or until 31 December 1970, whichever date is earlier.

Annex 3

STATUS OF PROVISIONAL ACCESSION

The validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 was extended by the Fifth Procès-Verbal of 19 November 1968 until 31 December 1969.

The Declaration is in force between Tunisia and the following Governments, which have accepted both the Declaration and the Fifth Procès-Verbal:

Australia	Malawi
Austria	Netherlands, Kingdom of the
Canada	Nigeria
Cuba	Norway
Czechoslovakia	Pakistan
Denmark	Sweden
France	Tanzania
India	Turkey -
Japan	United Kingdom
Kenya	United States

The following Governments, having accepted the Declaration, have not yet accepted the Fifth Procès-Verbal:

Barbados	Ghana	Niger
Belgium	Greece	Peru
Brazil	Guyana	Rhodesia
Burundi	Indonesia	Rwanda
Central African Rep.	Israel	Senegal
Ceylon	Ivory Coast	Sierra Leone
Chad	Jamaica	Switzerland
Chile	Kuwait	Togo
Congo (Brazzaville)	Luxembourg	Trinidad and Tobago
Cyprus	Madagascar	Uganda
Dahomey	Malaysia	United Arab Republic
Finland	Malta	Upper Volta
Gabon	Mauritania	Uruguay
Gambia	New Zealand	Yugoslavia
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ¹		

¹ Accepted the Fifth Procès-Verbal subject to ratification.