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The following communication, dated 20 December 1985, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands with the request that it be brought to the attention of contracting parties.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Office of the United Nations and other international organisations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the GATT and has the honour to bring the following to the attention of the Director-General of the GATT in his capacity of depositary of the treaties listed in the annex.

The island of Aruba, which is at present still part of the Netherlands Antilles, will obtain internal autonomy as a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands as of January 1, 1986. Consequently the Kingdom will from then on no longer consist of two countries namely the Netherlands (the Kingdom in Europe) and the Netherlands Antilles (situated in the Caribbean region), but will consist of three countries, namely the said two countries and the country Aruba.

As the changes being made on January 1, 1986, concern a shift only in the internal constitutional relations with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and as the Kingdom as such will remain the subject under international law with which treaties are concluded, the said changes will have no consequences in international law regarding the treaties concluded by the Kingdom which already apply to the Netherlands Antilles, including Aruba. These treaties will remain in force for Aruba in its new capacity of country within the Kingdom. Therefore these treaties will as of January 1, 1986, as concerns the Kingdom of the Netherlands, apply to the Netherlands Antilles (without Aruba) and Aruba.

Consequently the treaties referred to in the annex, to which the Kingdom of the Netherlands is a Party and which apply to the Netherlands Antilles, will as of January 1, 1986, as concerns the Kingdom of the Netherlands apply to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

ANNEX

1. Fourth Protocol of rectifications and modifications to the Annexes and to the texts of the Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 7.3.1955
2. Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 10.3.1955
3. Protocol of terms of accession of Japan to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 7.6.1955
4. Protocol of rectification to the French text of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 15.6.1955
5. Third Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Denmark and Federal Republic of Germany), Geneva, 15.7.1955
6. Fourth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Federal Republic of Germany and Norway), Geneva, 15.7.1955
7. Fifth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Federal Republic of Germany and Sweden), Geneva, 15.7.1955
8. Procès-Verbal of rectification concerning the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Protocol of Organizational Amendments to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 3.12.1955
9. Fifth Protocol of rectifications and modifications to the texts of the Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 3.12.1955
10. Sixth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 23.5.1956
11. Seventh Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 19.2.1957
12. Sixth Protocol of rectifications and modifications to the texts of the Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 11.4.1957
13. Eighth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Havana, 20.6.1957
14. Seventh Protocol of rectifications and modifications to the texts of the Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 30.11.1957

15. Procès-Verbal containing a Schedule to be annexed to the Protocol relating to negotiations for the establishment of a new Schedule III-Brazil to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Brazil and Benelux), Geneva, 31.12.1958
16. Procès-Verbal containing Schedules to be annexed to the Protocol relating to negotiations for the establishment of a new Schedule III-Brazil to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Brazil and the United States of America), Geneva, 10.2.1959
17. Eighth Protocol of rectifications and modifications to the texts of the Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 18.2.1959
18. Procès-Verbal containing a Schedule to be annexed to the Protocol relating to negotiations for the establishment of a new Schedule III-Brazil to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Brazil and Benelux), Geneva, 10.3.1959
19. Procès-Verbal containing a Schedule to be annexed to the Protocol relating to negotiations for the establishment of a new Schedule III-Brazil to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Brazil and the United Kingdom), Geneva, 23.5.1959
20. Procès-Verbal supplementary to the Procès-Verbal containing Schedules to be annexed to the Protocol relating to negotiations for the establishment of a new Schedule III-Brazil to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Brazil and the United States of America), Geneva, 23.5.1959
21. Ninth Protocol of rectifications and modifications to the texts of the Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 17.8.1959
22. Declaration on the provisional accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Tokyo, 12.11.1959
23. Eleventh Procès-Verbal extending the Declaration on the provisional accession of Tunisia, Geneva, 11.11.1977
24. Declaration giving effect to the provisions of Article XVI:4 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 19.11.1960
25. Protocol for the accession of Portugal to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 6.4.1962
26. Protocol for the accession of Israel to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 6.4.1962
27. Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade embodying results of the 1960-61 Tariff Conference, Geneva, 16.7.1962

28. Certification of the Contracting Parties of 15 January 1963 relating to rectifications and modifications of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 15.1.1963
29. Tenth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Japan and New Zealand), Geneva, 28.1.1963
30. Protocol supplementary to the Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade embodying results of the 1960-61 Tariff Conference, Geneva, 6.5.1963
31. Protocol for the accession of Spain to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 1.7.1963
32. Second Certification of the Contracting Parties of 29 April 1964 relating to rectifications and modifications of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 29.4.1964
33. Protocol amending the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to introduce a Part IV on Trade, Geneva, 8.2.1965
34. Protocol for the accession of Switzerland to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 1.4.1966
35. Protocol for the accession of Yugoslavia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 20.7.1966
36. Protocol for the accession of Korea to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 2.3.1967
37. Third Certification of the Contracting Parties, of 5 May 1967, relating to rectifications and modifications of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 5.5.1967
38. Geneva (1967) Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, with Annex, Geneva, 30.6.1967
39. Memorandum of Agreement on basic elements for the negotiation of a World Grains Arrangement, Geneva, 30.6.1967
40. Agreement on implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 30.6.1967
41. Protocol for the accession of Argentina to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 30.6.1967
42. Protocol for the accession of Iceland to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 30.6.1967
43. Protocol for the accession of Ireland to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 30.6.1967

44. Protocol for the accession of Poland to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 30.6.1967
45. Protocol for the accession of the United Arab Republic to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 27.2.1970
46. Protocol for the accession of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 11.8.1971
47. Protocol for the accession of Romania to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 15.10.1971
48. Protocol for the accession of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 7.11.1972
49. Protocol for the accession of Hungary to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 8.8.1973
50. Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, with Annexes, Geneva, 12.4.1979
51. Agreement on trade in civil aircraft, with Annexes, Geneva, 12.4.1979
52. Geneva (1979) Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 30.6.1979
53. Protocol for the accession of the Philippines to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 26.11.1979
54. Protocol for the accession of Colombia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, 23.11.1979