

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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### BELARUS - REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

A communication, dated 30 October 1992, received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus in Geneva transmits the following communication from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus.

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On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Belarus, I have the honour to request that the Republic of Belarus be accepted as observer to GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES' sessions, meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies.

I would like to note that the Republic of Belarus traditionally maintains economic, trade, cultural and other links with GATT member countries.

We hope that by obtaining observer status the Republic of Belarus which is presently restructuring its economy, trade policy and legal structure, will learn more about these areas and will promote the restructuring of our economy.

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The request by the Government of Belarus will be considered by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-eighth session on 2-3 December 1992.