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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

1960-61 TARIFF CONFERENCE

SIGNATURE OF INSTRUMENTS EMBODYING RESULTS OF 1960-61 CONFERENCE

1. For the ceremony of signature of the Final Act Authenticating the Results of the 1960-61 Tariff Conference and the Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Embodying the Results of the 1960-61 Tariff Conference representatives of all governments which have participated in the Tariff Conference (Articles XXIV:6; XXVIII; and XXVIII bis) are invited to come to the office of the Executive Secretary at the Villa Le Bocage at 4 p.m. on 16 July 1962. There will be no formal meeting or speeches.

2. It is expected that the Final Act will be signed by all participating governments on 16 July. Full powers (in the form of a communication from the Head of State, Head of Government or Foreign Minister specifically authorizing signature) will not be required for signing the Final Act. This can be signed by leaders or members of delegations participating in the Conference or by any other duly appointed representative.

3. The Protocol can be accepted on 16 July 1962 or later by signature or by the deposit with the Executive Secretary of an instrument of acceptance. Full powers will be necessary to sign the Protocol.

4. The Final Act authenticates the texts of the "General" Protocol Embodying the Results of the 1960-61 Tariff Conference and of the three Protocols of Accession of Cambodia, Israel and Portugal which were opened for acceptance on 6 April 1962. The primary purpose of the Final Act is to certify, as did the final act of the Torquay Conference, that in the case of any provision in the schedules annexed to the "General" Protocol for treatment less favourable than that in the existing schedules, the procedures of Article XXIV:6 or Article XXVIII or some other appropriate procedure under the General Agreement have been complied with.

5. The texts of the Protocol and the annexed schedules will be made public in Geneva on 13 August 1962, at 15.00 hours, Geneva time, when printed copies will be available.

6. A limited number of mimeographed copies of the Protocol will be available to delegations as from 16 July 1962. Delegations are invited to inform the secretariat of the number of mimeographed copies they will require (telephone No. 33.10.00 - extension 3317).

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