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COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Accession of Paraguay

At its meeting on 17 October, the attached texts of the Decision and Protocol of Accession for the accession of Paraguay to the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries were approved by the Committee of Participating Countries. It was agreed that the Decision be put to a vote by postal ballot.

The enclosed ballot paper, duly completed, should be returned to the GATT secretariat as quickly as possible.

Decision

The COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES,

Having regard to the request of the Government of Paraguay dated 11 November 1974 for accession without negotiations to the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries and having prepared a Protocol for the Accession of Paraguay;

Decides, in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 14 of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries, that the Government of Paraguay may accede to the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries on the terms set out in the said Protocol of Accession.

Protocol for the Accession of Paraguay to the Protocol Relating to
Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries

The governments which are parties to the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries (hereinafter referred to as "participating countries" and "the Protocol", respectively), and the Government of Paraguay (hereinafter referred to as "Paraguay"),

Desirous of expanding their mutual trade relations,

Taking note of the request of Paraguay dated 11 November 1974 for accession to the Protocol without negotiations,

Having regard to the provisions of the Protocol, including paragraph 14 concerning accession of a developing country not a signatory thereto, and in particular, accession without carrying out negotiations for the exchange of concessions,

Have, through their representatives agreed as follows:

1. Paraguay shall, upon entry into force of this Protocol of Accession pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Protocol, become a participating country to the Protocol and shall apply the Protocol subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) Paraguay shall, consistent with its rules and regulations applying to the conduct of foreign trade, co-operate with participating countries in promoting the objectives contained in the Protocol.
 - (ii) Duties and other regulations of commerce applied by Paraguay to products originating in participating countries shall not be higher or more restrictive than duties and regulations of commerce applicable to products originating in countries entitled to most-favoured-nation treatment in Paraguay.
 - (iii) In compliance with the provisions governing the application of rules of origin contained in Annex A to the Protocol, Paraguay shall provide relevant information on its rules of origin and certifying agencies to the Committee of Participating Countries (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") within ninety days from the date of the entry into force of this Protocol of Accession.
 - (iv) Paraguay shall promptly notify to the Committee any changes in its foreign trade régime which may effect the trade interests of participating countries.

(v) If Paraguay institutes or intensifies quantitative restrictions or other measures limiting imports because of balance-of-payments difficulties or as a result of unforeseen developments, immediate notice of such action shall be given to the Committee; and Paraguay shall provide adequate opportunity for consultation in respect of such action where it may adversely affect the trade interests of a participating country.

(vi) Paraguay shall provide the Committee with statistics and other details of imports originating from participating countries on an annual basis, and shall also provide such other information as the Committee may from time to time require for the discharge of its functions.

2. Products originating in Paraguay shall be entitled to the treatment provided for in the schedule of concessions annexed to the Protocol; however, Paraguay shall not be considered to have any rights accruing in terms of paragraphs 9 and 13 of the Protocol to participating countries with which such concessions were originally negotiated, or accruing to countries having a substantial trade interest in the product or products subject to concessions.

3. This Protocol of Accession shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of its entry into force. Prior to the expiration of this period, Paraguay may apply for an extension of the duration of this Protocol of Accession or may enter into negotiations with participating countries for an exchange of concessions. The Committee shall consider any such request, and in this connexion shall adopt a decision in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 14 of the Protocol which may extend this Protocol of Accession or provide for a new protocol of accession.

4. The provisions of the Protocol to be applied by Paraguay shall be the provisions contained in the text done in Geneva on 8 December 1971, as rectified, amended or otherwise modified by such instruments as may have become effective on the entry into force of this Protocol of Accession.

5. This Protocol of Accession shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT. It shall be open for signature by Paraguay until 31 March 1976. It shall also be open for signature by participating countries..

6. This Protocol of Accession shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the day upon which it shall have been signed by Paraguay.

7. The Director-General to the GATT shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Protocol of Accession and a notification of each signature thereto, pursuant to paragraph 5, to each participating country and to Paraguay.

8. This Protocol of Accession shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Done at Geneva this day of one thousand nine hundred
and seventy-five in a single copy, in the English, French and Spanish languages,
each text being authentic.