

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES  
Thirty-Fifth Session

## SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD MEETING

### Corrigendum

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Please insert after the fourth paragraph the following statement which has been submitted in writing by the representative of India for incorporation in the summary record.

#### Action by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on the Multilateral Trade Negotiations

(L/4884/Add.1, Annex IV)

We would like to recall, on adoption of this decision, various statements made by us in the Trade Negotiations Committee meeting on 11 April 1979 (document MTN/P/5).

1. The Tokyo Round of negotiations has been unprecedented in its scope, coverage and extent of participation. Various new agreements and understandings which have emerged, extend in some cases to areas not dealt with by GATT, while in others they lead to new interpretations, elaborations and even modification of the existing provisions of the GATT. The effects of the new agreements would, therefore, be far-reaching on the international trading system. It is necessary, therefore, to emphasize that the GATT rights of non-signatories to these agreements cannot be affected in any manner whatsoever. This applies particularly to rights flowing from Article I of the GATT and any advantage, privilege or favour extended to any contracting party has to be extended immediately and unconditionally to all contracting parties.
2. The agreements and understandings are sought to be administered through Committees of Signatories which are to be given powers to interpret them, sanction counter measures or even amend them which powers are vested in the Council and the CONTRACTING PARTIES. This raises the possibility of the GATT system being compartmentalized and administered by a few contracting parties in

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small bodies which could weaken the GATT Council and the CONTRACTING PARTIES as was elaborated by this delegation in the GATT Council meeting on 6 November 1979 (C/M/135). This could threaten the integrity of the GATT system and adversely affect the rights of the contracting parties. It is the firm view of this delegation, therefore, that in incorporating these agreements in the GATT system, the CONTRACTING PARTIES should maintain their supremacy and co-ordinate and supervise the work of the entire machinery of the GATT. They should be able to call for any information or reports from various committees or councils being set up and take appropriate action to maintain the consistency and unity of the system and protect the rights of contracting parties. It is the understanding of this delegation that the CONTRACTING PARTIES will continue to have this authority.

3. This delegation attaches great importance to transparency of work in various GATT bodies. For this reason and for safeguarding the rights of contracting parties and to maintain the integrity of the system, interested non-signatories would be entitled to participate in the proceedings of Committees or Councils in an observer capacity and the procedure for such participation would be worked out by these bodies to the satisfaction of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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### Corrigendum

At the request of the representative of Malaysia, the following corrections should be made to the text of the Summary Record:

#### Page 35, second paragraph

At the end of the penultimate sentence, add the following sentence:

... Further, the incidence of quantitative restraints on the products of export interest to developing countries had increased over the years.

#### Page 36, first paragraph

##### (i) Third line from top

Add the following after the words, "... in world trade":

... and also to effect the true meaning of interdependence.

##### (ii) Thirteenth line from top

Add the following after the words, "... implementation of these Agreements.":

... in order to ensure that these Agreements would not lead to the eventual dismemberment of GATT.