

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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STATUS OF AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS

Report by the Executive Secretary

The following is the status, as of 1 September 1956, of the various instruments which have been drawn up by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and concerning which some action is still required by one or more governments:

(a) Definitive application of the Agreement

The Resolution of 7 March 1955 (expressing agreement to the attaching of a reservation on acceptance of the General Agreement pursuant to Article XXVI) has been accepted by all contracting parties with the exception of the Government of Burma which advised on 2 December 1955 that the question was still under consideration.

(b) Protocols of amendment

Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX

Fourteen governments are parties to this Protocol which has to be accepted by all contracting parties before it can enter into force. Further, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands have not yet confirmed their signatures as fully binding. It has not been signed by Austria, Brazil, Burma, Ceylon, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III

Fourteen governments are parties to this Protocol which must be accepted by two-thirds of the contracting parties (i.e. twenty-four) before it can enter into force. Further, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands have not yet confirmed their signatures as fully binding. It has not been signed by Austria, Brazil, Burma, Ceylon, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

Note: More detailed information on the status of multilateral protocols deposited with the Executive Secretary is contained in the quarterly statements issued by the secretariat (document PROT/1).

Protocol of Organizational Amendments

Ten governments are parties to this Protocol. Further, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands have not yet confirmed their signatures as fully binding. Part I of the Protocol must be accepted by two-thirds of the contracting parties (i.e. twenty-four) and part II of the Protocol by all contracting parties before the relevant provisions can enter into force. It has not yet been signed by Austria, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

Protocol of Rectification to the French Text

Twenty-three governments are parties to this Protocol. Further, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany and Luxemburg have not confirmed their signatures as fully binding. It has not yet been signed by Austria, Brazil, Ceylon, Japan, Nicaragua, Peru, Turkey and Uruguay. The rectifications to Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX cannot enter into force until the Protocol has been accepted by all contracting parties, whereas the rectifications to the other articles will enter into force when the Protocol has been accepted by two-thirds of the contracting parties (i.e. twenty-four).

The closing date for signature of the above four protocols is 25 October 1956. Several governments have indicated that they wish to request an extension of this date; a decision regarding such extension will have to be taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES before 25 October.

Procès-Verbal of Signature Concerning the Protocol of Organizational Amendments

Twelve governments are parties to this Procès-Verbal. Further, Belgium "subject to ratification of the Protocol of Amendment", Chile has signed it "ad referendum", and the Kingdom of the Netherlands "subject to ratification". It has not yet been signed by Austria, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

Procès-Verbal of Rectification Concerning the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX, the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III, and the Protocol of Organizational Amendments

Thirteen governments are parties to this Procès-Verbal. Furthermore, Belgium and the Federal Republic of Germany have signed it "subject to ratification of the protocols of amendment". It has not yet been signed by Austria, Brazil, Burma, Ceylon, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

(c) Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation

Five governments are parties to this Agreement: Greece, Haiti, India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom. Further, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxemburg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Turkey and the United States have not yet confirmed their signatures as fully binding.

(d) Protocols of rectifications and modifications

Second Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (8 November 1952)

This Protocol has been signed by all contracting parties except Chile.

Third Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (24 October 1953)

This Protocol has been signed by all contracting parties except Chile and Nicaragua.

Fourth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (7 March 1955)

There are thirty-one governments parties to this Protocol. Chile, Nicaragua and Turkey have not yet confirmed their signatures as fully binding. It has not yet been signed by Austria.

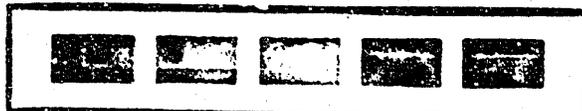
Fifth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (3 December 1955)

There are twenty-one governments parties to this Protocol. It has not been signed by Australia, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the Dominican Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Japan, Nicaragua and Uruguay.

The above Protocols must be accepted by all contracting parties before they can enter into force.

(e) Protocol of Terms of Accession of Japan

The Protocol has been signed by all the negotiating contracting parties and Turkey, although Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy and Nicaragua have not yet confirmed their signatures as fully binding. To date, thirteen negotiating contracting parties have given notification of their intention to apply the tariff concessions contained in their schedules annexed to the Protocol: Burma, Canada, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Greece, Indonesia, Italy, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Sweden, and the United States. No notification has yet been received from the following parties to the Protocol concerning the entry into force of the tariff concessions contained in their schedules: Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Nicaragua and Uruguay.



(f) Sixth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions

There are twenty-two governments parties to the Protocol. To date nine parties have given notification of their intention to apply the tariff concessions contained in their schedules annexed to the Protocol: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, France, Luxemburg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Peru and the United States. No notification has yet been received from the following parties to the Protocol concerning the entry into force of the concessions contained in their schedules: Austria, Chile, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

(g) Declaration on the Continued Application of Schedules

There are twenty-nine governments parties to the Declaration. Further, Chile has not yet confirmed its signature as being fully binding; however, the Government of Chile has advised that, subject to reciprocity, it does not intend to resort to the provisions of Article XXVIII. It has not yet been signed by Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Italy, Nicaragua and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The Governments of Brazil, the Dominican Republic and Italy, for constitutional or other reasons, have been unable to sign the Declaration, but they have undertaken to observe its provisions until such time as they are in a position to accept the obligations contained therein (see documents L/365 and Add.1-3). The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland has stated that, in view of the introduction of its new tariff and of future negotiations, little purpose would be served by its signature of the Declaration at this time (see document L/376). Nicaragua has been granted an extension of the time-limit for signature until 31 October 1956.

