

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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THE COUNCIL OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

(established on 4 June 1960)

Chairman: The Chairman and other Officers of the Council will be selected by the Council

Members:

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| Australia | France | New Zealand |
| Austria | Fed. Rep. of Germany | Norway |
| Belgium | Ghana | Pakistan |
| Brazil | Greece | Sweden |
| Canada | India | Switzerland |
| Chile | Israel | Union of South Africa |
| Cuba | Italy | United Kingdom |
| Czechoslovakia | Japan | United States |
| Denmark | Luxemburg | Uruguay |
| Finland | Netherlands, Kingdom of the | |

The Commission of the European Economic Community is invited to participate in the work of the Council.

Decision of 4 June 1960 Establishing the Council

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article XXV with a view to giving effect more adequately to those provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which involve joint action and, generally, with a view to facilitating the operation and furthering the objectives of that Agreement,

DECIDE as follows:

1. There is hereby established a Council of the Representatives of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") composed of representatives of all contracting parties willing to accept the responsibilities of membership therein.

2. The functions of the Council shall be:

- (a) To consider matters arising between sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES which require urgent attention, and to report thereon to the CONTRACTING PARTIES with recommendations as to any action which might appropriately be taken by them at the next regular session, at a special session which may be called by the Council, or by a postal ballot.
- (b) To supervise the work of committees, working parties, and other subsidiary bodies of the CONTRACTING PARTIES operating intersessionally, providing guidance for them when necessary, examining the reports of such bodies, and making recommendations thereon to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
- (c) To undertake preparation for sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
- (d) To deal with such other matters with which the CONTRACTING PARTIES may deal at their sessions, and to exercise such additional functions with regard to matters referred to above, as may be expressly delegated to it by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, including action on behalf of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in performing functions under the provisions of the General Agreement, other than action under paragraph 5 of Article XXV, and under decisions and other formal actions taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

3. If a contracting party considers it is adversely affected by the exercise by the Council of any of its above functions which involve recommendations to individual contracting parties or the making of determinations or taking of decisions, it may suspend the operation of such action by the Council through the submission of a written appeal therefrom to the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The CONTRACTING PARTIES may, either generally or in particular cases or types of cases, provide that such recommendations, determinations, or decisions of the Council shall become final if no appeal has been lodged against them within a specified reasonable period. In particular cases individual contracting parties may, either before or after action has been taken by the Council, waive their right of appeal and agree to accept the action as final.

