

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Note by the Executive Secretary

It will be recalled that the Declaration of 22 November 1958, as extended by the Procès-Verbal of 8 December 1961, providing for the provisional accession of Switzerland will expire when Switzerland accedes to the GATT under the provisions of Article XXXIII or on 31 December 1964, whichever date is earlier. The Declaration provides, however, that the parties to the Declaration may extend its validity to a later date.

This matter has been included among the items proposed for the agenda of the Council of Representatives on 28-30 October. To deal with it, the most appropriate way seems to be the following:

The parties to the Declaration would agree to a three-year extension on the understanding that the Government of the Swiss Confederation and the CONTRACTING PARTIES would seek solutions to the problems confronting Switzerland in its relationship with GATT in the course of the Kennedy Round or otherwise in order to make the full accession of Switzerland to the General Agreement possible.

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