

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

### Communication by Spain

With reference to the signature of certain MTN agreements by Spain on 9 May 1980, the representative of Spain transmitted the following communication for circulation to contracting parties.

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At the thirty-fifth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES the delegation of my country expressed the willingness of Spain to make a positive contribution to the results of the Tokyo Round, by making concessions concerning tariff reductions and bindings, and accepting the agreements negotiated in a manner consistent with its economic, financial and development needs and its situation in the context of world trade.

My country is today showing in a positive manner its willingness to take on the commitments negotiated in the sphere of international trade by signing the Geneva Protocol (1979) annexed to the General Agreement, and the supplementary Protocol thereto. The Spanish authorities consider that the country has made a notable effort by binding practically 40 per cent of its tariff and reducing 90 per cent of the headings previously bound.

As regards non-tariff measures, Spain is today going to accept three codes: those on Technical Barriers to Trade, the Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement, and Customs Valuation, with its additional Protocol, the latter on the understanding that my country will make use of its right under Article 21 of the text approved.

The above is in addition to various important contributions concerning trade liberalization already known to the contracting parties and the re-affirmation of our willingness to sign the greatest possible number of the codes and agreements negotiated in this Round.

We hope that the countries which have already signed these agreements and codes will appreciate the effort made and give Spain their co-operation so that it may become a party as soon as possible to those agreements which we have not been able to sign today.

We also hope and desire that those matters and subjects on which the work of the Tokyo Round has not been completed, may be brought to a conclusion as soon as possible.

In accepting its responsibilities in regard to the new international trade order, Spain is aware that much remains to be done toward perfecting the mechanisms and institutions by which the trade activities of the world are regulated and it will devote its best efforts to this task in the hope that, with the co-operation of all countries, the objectives which the international community has set itself can be attained.