

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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DECISION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDE THAT:

1. the Preparatory Committee is established to determine the objectives, subject matter, modalities for and participation in the multilateral trade negotiations, taking into account the elements of the 1982 Ministerial Work Programme and the views expressed in the Group of Senior Officials;
2. the Preparatory Committee is open to any contracting party or country which has acceded provisionally to the GATT;
3. the Preparatory Committee will prepare by mid-July 1986 recommendations for the programme of negotiations for adoption at a Ministerial Meeting to be held in September 1986.

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REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
AFTER ADOPTION OF DECISION ESTABLISHING PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

It has emerged from the debate that the questions of standstill and rollback, treatment of developing countries and safeguards should constitute important issues for the work of the Preparatory Committee.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

It is the Chairman's understanding that countries which are negotiating for accession to GATT may also attend the Committee as observers. Countries which have already formally requested accession will thus be able to attend the first meeting of the Committee.