

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Communication from Switzerland

The following communication, dated 21 August 1990, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, for circulation to the contracting parties.

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Switzerland has decided to extend to the German Democratic Republic, with effect from 1 August 1990, the tariff exemptions which it grants to the countries of the European Community under the free-trade agreements concluded with the latter. In making this decision, Switzerland has taken account of the recent establishment of an economic union between the FRG and the GDR and of the fact that, since 1 July 1990, the GDR is applying vis-à-vis Switzerland and likewise vis-à-vis other trade partners substantially all the foreign trade régime of the Community. The decisions taken, autonomously, in Switzerland and in the GDR are also in the perspective of the free-trade régime that will apply in mutual trade once the customs territory of the GDR has been integrated in that of the Community.