

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Limited Distribution

CONTRACTING PARTIES
Thirteenth Session

WAIVER GRANTED TO NEW ZEALAND IN CONNEXION WITH THE RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE XIII

Draft Decision for Extension

At the Plenary Meeting on 21 October the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed to extend by one year the time-limit within which the Government of New Zealand should complete the negotiations under Article XXVIII authorized by the Decision of 30 November 1957 (BISD, Sixth Supplement, page 34). The following draft decision is submitted for approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 30 November 1957, suspended the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable New Zealand to apply its revised tariff, including increases in rates of duty specified in Schedule XIII, simultaneously with its submission to the New Zealand Parliament and subject, inter alia, to the conditions that the New Zealand Government would thereafter promptly enter into negotiations or consultations with interested contracting parties pursuant to paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII and that the said negotiations and consultations would be completed by the end of the Thirteenth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, unless this time-limit were extended; and

Considering that the Government of New Zealand has informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Thirteenth Session of unavoidable circumstances which have prevented so far the application of its revised tariff;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement,

Decide, without prejudice to the other conditions laid down in the Decision of 30 November 1957, to extend the time-limit provided in that Decision for the completion of negotiations and consultations pursuant to paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII until the end of the last Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in 1959.