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Note by the Secretariat

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At the fifth meeting of the Group the secretariat was asked to provide any available information on the duration of de facto application of the GATT by countries which have subsequently succeeded to the status of contracting parties under Article XXVI:5(c). The table below lists the contracting parties which have succeeded to GATT under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). It also shows in each case the date on which "full autonomy in the conduct of its external relations and of the other matters provided for in this Agreement" was acquired and the date of succession as a contracting party.

The legal aspects of de facto application of the General Agreement are analysed in a secretariat note of 28 June 1984 on "De Facto Application of the General Agreement" (C/130). See also MTN.GNG/NG7/W/31.

Contracting party	Date of de facto status	Date of admission by declaration/certification	Time-lag (in months)
Indonesia	27 December 1949	24 February 1950	2
Ghana	6 March 1957	17 October 1957	7 1/4
Malaysia	31 August 1957	24 October 1957	2

* In the previous document, MTN.GNG/NG7/W/40, Tanzania and Hong Kong were omitted from the list of contracting parties which have succeeded to GATT under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). For each of these two contracting parties the date of "de facto status" and the date of "admission by declaration/certification" were identical, and consequently the time lag between the two dates is zero.

Contracting party	Date of de facto status	Date of admission by declaration/certification	Time-lag (in months)
Nigeria	1 October 1960	18 November 1960	1 1/2
Sierra Leone	27 April 1961	19 May 1961	3/4
Tanzania	9 December 1961	9 December 1961	0
Trinidad and Tobago	31 August 1962	23 October 1962	1 3/4
Uganda	9 October 1962	23 October 1962	1/2
Cameroon	1 January 1960	3 May 1963	40
Burkina Faso	5 August 1960	3 May 1963	33
Central African Rep.	14 August 1960	3 May 1963	32 1/2
Congo	15 August 1960	3 May 1963	32 1/2
Gabon	17 August 1960	3 May 1963	32 1/2
Kuwait	19 June 1961	3 May 1963	22 1/2
Chad	11 August 1960	12 July 1963	34 1/2
Cyprus	16 August 1960	15 July 1963	34 1/2
Benin	1 August 1960	12 September 1963	37 1/2
Senegal	20 June 1960	27 September 1963	39 1/4
Madagascar	25 June 1960	30 September 1963	39
Mauritania	28 November 1960	30 September 1963	34
Niger	3 August 1960	31 December 1963	41
Côte d'Ivoire	7 August 1960	31 December 1963	40 3/4
Jamaica	6 August 1962	31 December 1963	16 3/4
Kenya	12 December 1963	5 February 1964	2
Togo	27 April 1960	20 March 1964	46 3/4
Malawi	6 July 1964	28 August 1964	1 1/2
Malta	21 September 1964	17 November 1964	1 3/4
The Gambia	18 February 1965	22 February 1965	1/4
Burundi	1 July 1962	13 March 1965	32 1/2

Contracting party	Date of de facto status	Date of admission by declaration/ certification	Time- lag (in months)
Rwanda	1 July 1962	1 January 1966	42
Guyana	26 May 1966	5 July 1966	1 1/4
Barbados	30 November 1966	15 February 1967	2 1/2
Mauritius	12 March 1968	2 September 1970	29 1/2
Singapore	9 August 1965	20 August 1973	95 1/4
Suriname	25 November 1975	22 March 1978	28
Zambia	24 October 1964	10 February 1982	207 1/2
Maldives	26 July 1965	19 April 1983	212 3/4
Belize	21 September 1981	7 October 1983	24 1/2
Hong Kong	23 April 1986	23 April 1986	0
Antigua and Barbuda	1 November 1981	30 March 1987	65
Botswana	30 September 1966	28 August 1987	251
Lesotho	4 October 1966	8 January 1988	288
