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GENEVA (1979) PROTOCOL TO THE GATT AND
PROTOCOL SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE GENEVA (1979) PROTOCOL TO THE GATT

Extension of Time-Limit for the Acceptance of the Protocols

Draft Decision

The final date for acceptance stipulated in the Geneva (1979) Protocol and in the Supplementary Protocol was 30 June 1980. The Council on 18 June 1980 decided to extend the time-limit for the acceptance of the Protocols until 31 December 1980 (C/M/141), and, on 24 November 1980, the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to further extend the time-limit until 30 June 1981 (L/5078).

It has now become clear that some contracting parties which have schedules annexed to the Geneva (1979) Protocol and to the Supplementary Protocol will not be able to accept these Protocols before the expiry of the extended time-limit. The following draft decision extending further the time-limit for acceptance of the Protocols is therefore proposed for consideration by the Council:

"Considering that the Geneva (1979) Protocol to the GATT and the Protocol Supplementary to the Geneva (1979) Protocol to the GATT have not yet been accepted by all contracting parties which have schedules of tariff concessions annexed to these Protocols,

"Considering the established GATT practice according to which the CONTRACTING PARTIES or the Council, under such circumstances have authority to decide on an extension of the time-limit for the acceptance of such Protocols and other instruments of a similar nature in case of compelling need,

"Recalling that the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 24 November 1980 decided to extend the time-limit for the acceptance of the Protocols until 30 June 1981

"The Council of Representatives

"Decides to extend further the time-limit for acceptance of the said Protocols until 31 December 1981, and

"Urges the contracting parties which have schedules annexed to the said Protocols and have not yet accepted them to make every effort to do so in the near future."