

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Protocol opened for signature at Geneva September 14, 1948, and signed for the United States September 14, 1948, for the accession of signatories of the final act of October 30, 1947
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PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF SIGNATORIES OF THE FINAL ACT OF 30 OCTOBER 1947

Considering the fact that the Protocol of Provisional Application of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,¹ which by its terms remained open for signature until 30 June 1948, was not by that date signed by all the Governments signatory to the Final Act of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment,²

Considering the resolution of the second session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES that such a Government shall not be considered to be a "party" to the General Agreement within the meaning of article XXXIII thereof, and

Considering the desirability of affording an additional opportunity for the provisional application between such a Government and the contracting parties of the provisions of the General Agreement which was concluded at the second session of the Preparatory Committee and authenticated on 30 October 1947,

It is agreed with regard to the terms upon which such a Government, by signature of the present Protocol, may accede under article XXXIII of the General Agreement:

1. Any such Government shall, without prejudice to its right to accept the General Agreement under article XXVI, apply the General Agreement, as amended and rectified, provisionally in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1(a), 1(b), and 5 of the Protocol of Provisional Application. Such Government shall also have the right of election provided for in subparagraph (d) of paragraph 1 of article XIV of the General Agreement as if it had signed the Protocol of Provisional Application before 1 July 1948; *Provided* the written notice of such election is communicated to the

¹ TIAS 1700, *ante*, p. 687.

² TIAS 1700, *ante*, p. 639.

CONTRACTING PARTIES before 1 January 1949 or before the day on which such Government becomes a contracting party, whichever is the later.

2. Such provisional application shall take effect for any such Government on the thirtieth day after the signature hereof by such Government; *Provided* such signature is affixed before 17 February 1949; and *Provided* further that this Protocol has on the day of such signature been signed by two-thirds of the Governments then contracting parties to the General Agreement. Upon signature of this Protocol by two-thirds of the contracting parties it shall constitute a decision for the purpose of article XXXIII of the General Agreement.

3. The original of this Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, where it will remain open for signature. The Secretary-General is authorized to effect registration of the Protocol.

In witness whereof the respective representatives, duly authorized, have signed the present Protocol.

Done at Geneva, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic, this 14th day of September, 1948.

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[The protocol was signed for Southern Rhodesia on February 8, 1949; for Chile on February 14, 1949; and for South Africa on February 16, 1949.]