



Committee on Market Access

**DERESTRICTION OF SOME GATT 1947 HISTORICAL BILATERAL NEGOTIATING
DOCUMENTATION**

DRAFT DECISION

The General Council,

Having regard to Articles IV:2 and IX:1 of the WTO Agreement;

Having regard to the agreement of 8 December 1994 between the GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES, the Preparatory Committee for the WTO and the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization (ICITO), approved by the WTO General Council on 31 January 1995 (WT/L/36), providing *inter alia* for the transfer of assets and records of the GATT to the WTO;

Considering that, in the interest of a better access of the general public to the historical negotiating documentation of the GATT 1947 multilateral trade negotiations, a general derestriction of such documentation is in order;

Noting that the derestriction of the majority of the historical bilateral negotiating documentation pertaining to the first four of the GATT 1947 Tariff Conferences¹ has already taken place;

Noting that the Committee on Market Access pursuant to the procedures in document G/MA/285 has approved the derestriction of the historical bilateral negotiating documentation of the 1960-61 Tariff Conference (also referred to as the "Dillon Round") and some historical bilateral negotiating documentation of the four earlier GATT Tariff Conferences which are listed in the annex to document G/MA/285;

Decides as follows:

The historical bilateral negotiating documentation listed in the annex to document G/MA/285 shall be derestricted as of [1 July 2013].

¹ Geneva Tariff Conference (1947), The Annecy Tariff Conference (1949), The Torquay Tariff Conference (1950-51) and the Geneva Tariff Conference (1956).