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**Committee on Market Access**

**DERESTRICTION OF ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING MATERIALS**

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 seven GATT 1947 Tariff Conferences<sup>1</sup> has already taken place;

*Noting* that the Committee on Market Access has approved the derestriction of additional negotiating materials from the Geneva (1947), Annecy (1949), Torquay (1950-1951), and Geneva (1956) tariff negotiations which are listed in the annex to document G/MA/334;

*Decides as follows:*

The historical bilateral negotiating documentation listed in the annex to document G/MA/334 shall be derestricted as of 1 January 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> Geneva Tariff Conference (1947), the Annecy Tariff Conference (1949), the Torquay Tariff Conference (1950-51), the Geneva Tariff Conference (1956), the Geneva Tariff Conference ("Dillon Round", 1960-1961), the Kennedy Round (1964-1967), and the Tokyo Round (1973-1979).