PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

Request for Further Extension

The Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia (8S/15) was valid for two years. It was extended by the Procès-Verbal of 9 December 1961 (10S/15) for a further two years. The Procès-Verbal expires on 31 December 1963.

The Government of Tunisia has requested a further extension. If the Council should agree that arrangements should be made for a further extension of the Declaration, consideration might be given to the following draft of a Procès-Verbal to be opened for acceptance by the parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959.

If the arrangement for the provisional accession is extended, presumably the invitation to the Government of Tunisia to participate in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES (8S/14 and 10S/16) should be extended for the same period. In that case, the text of a draft decision, set out below, might be submitted for approval by the contracting parties by postal ballot.

Further Extension of Declaration of 12 November 1959

Draft Procès-Verbal

The parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Declaration" and "the General Agreement", respectively.

Acting pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Declaration,

Agree that the period of validity of the Declaration is extended for a further two years by changing the date in paragraph 6 to "31 December 1965".

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This Procès-Verbal shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement. It shall remain open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Tunisia and by the participating governments to the Declaration. It shall become effective between the Government of Tunisia and any participating government as soon as it shall have been accepted by the Government of Tunisia and such government.

The Executive Secretary shall furnish a certified copy of this Procès-Verbal and a notification of each acceptance thereof to the Government of Tunisia, to each contracting party to the General Agreement, to each government which has acceded provisionally thereto and to each government which enters into negotiations for accession.

Done at Geneva this .......... day of December one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being authentic.

Further Extension of the Decision of 12 November 1959

Draft Decision

Considering that the parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are taking steps, pursuant to paragraph 6 of that Declaration, to extend further the period of validity of the Declaration;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Decide to extend further the period of validity of the Decision of 12 November 1959, which provided for the participation of Tunisia in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, until the Government of Tunisia accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII or until 31 December 1965, whichever date is earlier.