The Philippines has acceded provisionally to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The provisional accession of the Philippines took effect from 9 August 1973, following its approval by the necessary two-thirds of GATT's eighty-one member governments. It will remain in force, unless extended further, until the Philippines accedes to the General Agreement under the terms of its Article XXXIII or until 31 December 1975, whichever date is earlier.

The Government of the Philippines requested provisional accession to the General Agreement in February 1973. It did so in order to base its trade relations with GATT member countries on the General Agreement as soon as possible, recognizing that it would take time to work out arrangements for tariff negotiations between the Philippines and the member countries and that an opportunity for these negotiations would be provided by the forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations. The request was examined by a working group whose report was approved by the GATT Council on 30 July 1973.