COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT SIGNS
PROTOCOL FOR ACCESSION TO GATT

The Colombian Government has now signed the recently-negotiated Protocol for the Accession of Colombia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The signature is subject to ratification by the Colombian Congress. Colombia will become a member of GATT thirty days after ratification is notified.

The Protocol of Accession was signed in Geneva today by Ambassador Héctor Charry-Samper, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the Office of the United Nations and the specialized institutions at Geneva. The negotiations for Colombia’s accession were conducted in Geneva on behalf of Colombia by Ambassador Felipe Jaramillo, Deputy Permanent Representative, and Miss Clara-Maria León, First Secretary, who were also present at the signature of the Protocol.

The terms of this Protocol were negotiated in a working party whose report was approved by the GATT Council. The Decision for Accession was taken by GATT’s contracting parties (member States) in a ballot during their annual session in November 1979.