GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

SIGNATURES OF GATT PROTOCOL CONCERNING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CERTAIN CONTRACTING PARTIES AND JAPAN

At the GATT Eighth Session in October 1953 the Contracting Parties approved a Decision inviting Japan to participate in their work. They also drew up and opened for signature a Declaration, under which a number of contracting parties agreed that, pending the accession of Japan to the GATT (following tariff negotiations) commercial relations between Japan and themselves will be governed by the provisions of the GATT. The Declaration becomes effective between Japan and any contracting party thirty days after the date of signature.

The Declaration was opened for signature on 24 October and remained open for signature at GATT headquarters until 31 December 1953. The following countries signed the Declaration before the closing date:

- Austria 24 October
- Belgium
- Denmark
- Finland
- Germany
- India
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Turkey
- United States
- Chile 27 October
- Sweden
- Luxemburg 29 October
- Haiti 11 November
- Norway 4 December
- Ceylon 14 December
- Nicaragua 17 December
- Dominican Republic 19 December
- Burma 29 December
- Uruguay 29 December

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