GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
Ninth Session of the Contracting Parties

Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland becomes
Contracting Party to GATT

The Contracting Parties have adopted a Declaration to the effect that the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland will henceforth be deemed to be a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Until the establishment of the Federation last year Southern Rhodesia was a contracting party, while the rights and obligations of the General Agreement in respect of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland were exercised by the United Kingdom.

On the creation of the Federation the Governments of the United Kingdom and Southern Rhodesia notified the Contracting Parties that as from 30 October 1953 the Federal Government had become the authority responsible for the implementation of international obligations affecting the territories of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, including obligations under the General Agreement.

The declaration recognizing these changes admits the Federation as a full contracting party to the General Agreement.

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