PORTUGAL AND SPAIN ANNOUNCE INTENTION TO ACCED TO GATT

At a plenary meeting of the Contracting Parties on 27 May the representatives of Portugal and Spain informed the Contracting Parties of the wish of their Governments to accede to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. In both cases the request was made to accede in accordance with the provisions of Article XXIII; to this end both countries will enter into tariff negotiations during the Tariff Conference, in 1961.

A large number of representatives of contracting parties joined in giving their support to the applications of Spain and Portugal and offered them a most sincere and hearty welcome, and the Chairman of the Contracting Parties asked the representatives of Portugal and Spain to convey to their Governments the sentiments expressed.

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