On 17 November 1960 it was announced that two-thirds of the contracting parties had accepted the Declaration on Relations between Poland and the Contracting Parties and that the Declaration had entered into force.

When the announcement was made, in a plenary meeting of the Contracting Parties, a number of delegates expressed their pleasure that the Declaration had entered into force and extended a sincere welcome towards Poland.

The request for closer association with the work of the Contracting Parties was made by Poland on 31 March 1959 and the Declaration was opened for signature on 9 November 1959.

The Declaration states that Poland and the parties to the Declaration, being guided by the objectives of the GATT, desire to extend their trade on the basis of mutual advantage in trading relations and opportunities. The Declaration also provides for the participation of Poland in the work of the Contracting Parties.

Under the Declaration the Contracting Parties will review annually the development of trading relations with Poland.

The following have signed the Declaration:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay.

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