GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CAMBODIA, ISRAEL AND PORTUGAL TO ACCEDE TO THE
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In the course of the 1960-61 Tariff Conference three countries, namely Israel, Portugal and Cambodia undertook and completed negotiations with a view to acceding to the GATT.

At the nineteenth session, in November 1961, the Contracting Parties agreed to the accession of Israel and Portugal on the basis of the negotiations which their governments had undertaken.

Protocols of accession for Israel and Portugal have been opened for signature. Portugal signed its Protocol of accession on 6 April 1962 and will, in accordance with established procedures, become a contracting party on the thirtieth day thereafter, i.e. on 6 May 1962. Israel signed its Protocol of accession on 9 April 1962 subject to ratification and will become a contracting party on the thirtieth day following ratification.

A decision by the Contracting Parties on the accession of Cambodia, which had not terminated her negotiations at the nineteenth session will be taken by postal ballot. Cambodia will become a contracting party on the day the decision on its accession becomes effective - which will be 5 June 1962 if by then favourable votes have been received from two thirds of the contracting parties - or on the thirtieth day after it has signed its Protocol of accession, whichever is the later.

The accession of Cambodia, Israel and Portugal will increase the number of contracting parties to the GATT from forty to forty-three.

The texts of the respective Protocols and the annexed tariff concessions are being made public at Geneva on 18 April at 15.00 hours. Mimeographed copies are available from the Information Office.

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