GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Twentieth Session of the Contracting Parties

PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

In May 1962 the Government of the United Arab Republic gave a formal notification of its desire to accede to the General Agreement. The Council of Representatives set up a Working Party to examine the request of the United Arab Republic. It was apparent to the Working Party, and to the United Arab Republic that it would not at present be practicable for negotiations to take place between contracting parties and the United Arab Republic for the latter's definitive accession under Article XXXIII. The Working Party therefore recommended that arrangements should be made for provisional accession, pending an appropriate time for negotiations leading to definitive accession.

In plenary meeting on 15 November a very large number of delegations gave a chalorous welcome to the decision of the United Arab Republic to accede to the General Agreement. The text of the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of the United Arab Republic was approved by the required majority, and is now open for acceptance by contracting parties.

At the conclusion Dr. A.M. El Banna, leader of the delegation of the United Arab Republic, expressed his gratification at the unanimous acceptance of his Government's request for provisional accession.

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