SWITZERLAND BECOMES A FULL MEMBER OF GATT

At their meeting on 1 April 1966, the Contracting Parties to GATT unanimously admitted Switzerland as a full member of their organization.

Switzerland, a major trading country, acceded provisionally to GATT on 22 November 1958. Since that date, Switzerland has taken a very active part in the work of the organization, including the current trade negotiations of the Kennedy Round. In the Protocol for its accession, Switzerland, while maintaining its legislation on agriculture, gives the undertaking that, as far as it is concerned, the current negotiations should provide for acceptable conditions of access for agricultural products.

In the event that the negotiations are unsuccessful, Switzerland is prepared to review the situation in the spirit of the preceding paragraph.

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