GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TAMIFS AND TRADE

TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS
TORQUAY

TIME-TABLE OF PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW THE TORQUAY CONFERENCE

To assist the representatives of participating governments to obtain a clear picture of the procedures to be followed after the close of the Torquay Conference, the following time-table is provided.

21 April: The Final Act will be signed at Torquay by all participating governments.

: Decisions on the accession of the acceding governments (one decision for each acceding government) will be opened at Torquay for signature by the contracting parties.

: The Torquay Protocol will be opened at Torquay for signature by the participating governments.

: The Declaration on the Continued Application of the Present Schedules will be opened at Torquay for signature by the contracting parties.

7 May: The Decisions and the Torquay Protocol will be deposited at the Headquarters of the United Nations and will be open there for further signatures.

9 May: Secret removed from Torquay Protocol including Schedules.

12 May: The Schedules will be made public at Geneva by the Secretariat.

20 June: This will be the last day for signature of the Decisions. Decisions which have been signed by two-thirds of the present contracting parties will constitute decisions under Article XXXIII and will bear the date of 21 June 1951.

21 April to 21 October: A contracting party signing the Torquay Protocol will bring into force, after a delay of 30 days, its Torquay schedule in respect of all present contracting parties and in respect of acceding governments and Uruguay as and when they become contracting parties.

20 July: The Torquay Protocol will enter into force for an acceding government which has signed it by 20 June, providing the Decision respecting that government has been signed by two-thirds of the contracting parties. The new contracting party will apply the Agreement in respect of all governments which are at that time contracting parties, and to other governments as and when they become contracting parties.
A contracting party, whether or not it has signed the Torquay Protocol, will apply the Agreement, including its present schedules, to any government which becomes a contracting party.

The Torquay Protocol will enter into force for acceding governments and they will become contracting parties thirty days after they have signed, provided the Decisions respecting those governments have been signed by two-thirds of the present contracting parties.

This will be the last day for signature of the Torquay Protocol by any participating government.