GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES
Fifteenth Session

RELATIONS WITH POLAND
Decision of 9 November 1959

CONSIDERING that the Government of Poland wishes to establish closer relations with the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement and, through such association, to contribute to an expansion of trade with the countries which are parties to the General Agreement; and

NOTING that a number of contracting parties desire to establish closer trading relations with Poland on a reciprocal and mutually advantageous basis and have agreed on the text of a Declaration governing their commercial relations with that country and that those contracting parties have requested the CONTRACTING PARTIES to take the action referred to in Part B, Section 4 of the said Declaration;

the CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE

1. to take note of the Declaration referred to in the preamble to this Decision, and to open it for acceptance by Poland, by contracting parties to the General Agreement and by any governments which have acceded or may accede provisionally to the General Agreement;

2. to accept such functions as are necessary for the operation of the Declaration after it has entered into force; and

3. from the date of entry into force of the Declaration, to invite the Government of Poland to participate in sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and of subsidiary bodies established by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

This Decision shall continue in effect subject to the provisions of Part D of the Declaration.
RELATIONS BETWEEN CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF POLAND

Declaration of 9 November 1959

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THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND HEREBY DECLARES:

1. That, being guided by the objectives set out in the Preamble to the
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as the
"General Agreement"), it desires to expand its trade with the other countries
which are parties to this Declaration on the basis of mutual advantage in
trading conditions and opportunities.

2. That it will give sympathetic consideration to any representations which
may be addressed to it by any other party to this Declaration concerning the
implementation of paragraph 1 above and will be prepared to enter into con­
sultations with such party concerning its representations.

3. That, in line with the corresponding commitments accepted by the
contracting parties in the General Agreement, it will make public promptly,
in a manner as to enable governments and traders to become acquainted with
them, laws, regulations, judicial decisions, administrative rulings and
agreements of general application as well as statistics pertaining to trade.
This provision shall not require the disclosure of confidential information
which would impede law enforcement or otherwise be contrary to the public
interest or prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of public or private
enterprises.

4. That it will annually review with the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General
Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTING PARTIES") the imple­
mentation of the above paragraphs.

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THE PARTIES TO THIS DECLARATION, OTHER THAN POLAND, HEREBY DECLARE:

1. That, being guided by the objectives set out in the Preamble to the
General Agreement, they desire to expand their trade with Poland on the basis
of mutual advantage in trading conditions and opportunities.

2. That they will give sympathetic consideration to any representations
which may be addressed to them by Poland concerning the implementation of
paragraph 1 above and will be prepared to enter into consultations with Poland
concerning such representations.

3. That they will annually review with Poland and the CONTRACTING PARTIES
the implementation of the above paragraphs.
4. That they will request the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

(a) To take note of this Declaration;

(b) to invite the Government of Poland to take part in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

(c) to undertake the functions set out in paragraph 4 of Part A and paragraph 3 above.

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1. This Declaration shall be opened for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Poland, by contracting parties to the General Agreement and by any governments which have acceded or may accede provisionally to the General Agreement.

2. This Declaration shall enter into force when it has been accepted by Poland and by two-thirds of the contracting parties to the General Agreement.

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The Government of Poland or any other party to this Declaration shall be free to withdraw from this arrangement upon written notice being given to the Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

(a) If Poland should withdraw from this arrangement, the Declaration shall lapse and any arrangements made by the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall cease to be valid.

(b) If a party to this Declaration other than Poland should withdraw from this arrangement, the sole effect of such withdrawal shall be to terminate the application of this Declaration as between Poland and the party concerned, as long as a majority of the contracting parties remain parties to this arrangement.

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1. This Declaration shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

2. The Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Declaration, and a notification of each acceptance thereof, to each government to which this Declaration is open for acceptance.

DONE at Tokyo, this ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic.