PROCÉS-VERBAL EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF 22 NOVEMBER 1958

Procès-Verbal of 8 December 1961

The parties to the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of the Swiss Confederation to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, of 22 November 1958 (hereinafter referred to as "the General Agreement" and "Swiss Declaration of 22 November 1958", respectively),

DESIRING to extend the Declaration pursuant to paragraph 8 thereof,

ACTING pursuant to paragraph 8 thereof,

AGREE:

1. The maximum period of validity of the Swiss Declaration of 22 November 1958 is extended for three years by changing the date in paragraph 8 from "31 December 1961" to "31 December 1964".

2. The following consequential amendments are also made to the Swiss Declaration of 22 November 1958:

(a) The first paragraph of the Preamble is amended by deleting the words "contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" and by inserting in place thereof "Governments, other than the Government of the Swiss Confederation".

(b) Paragraph 7 is amended to read as follows:

"7. This Declaration shall remain open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by contracting parties to the General Agreement and by other governments which have acceded provisionally to that Agreement, such contracting parties or other governments having entered into negotiations with the Government of the Swiss Confederation pursuant to Article XXVIII bis of the General Agreement or, not having conducted such negotiations, have agreed with that Government that their trade relations should be governed by the terms of this Declaration, and by the Government of the Swiss Confederation. Moreover, new schedules containing new concessions or modifications of existing schedules resulting from compliance with provisions of this Declaration or of the General Agreement, may be annexed to this Declaration."
(c) Paragraph 8 is amended by deleting "and any contracting party on the thirtieth day following the day upon which it shall have been accepted, by signature or otherwise, on behalf of the Swiss Confederation and of that contracting party;" and by inserting in place thereof "and any contracting party, or other government which shall have acceded provisionally, on the thirtieth day following the day upon which it shall have been accepted on behalf of the Swiss Confederation and that contracting party or other government;".

3. This Procès-Verbal shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement. It shall remain open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by the Swiss Confederation, by contracting parties to the General Agreement and by other governments which have accepted the Swiss Declaration of 22 November 1958.

4. This Procès-Verbal shall enter into force upon its acceptance by all the parties to the Swiss Declaration of 22 November 1958; Provided that, if it shall not have been accepted by all such parties by 31 December 1961, (a) it shall enter into force in respect of those parties thereto which shall have accepted it as soon as it shall have been accepted by the Swiss Confederation and by any other such party, and (b) it shall enter into force for any such party subsequently accepting it upon such acceptance or upon the entry into force of the Swiss Declaration of 22 November 1958 in respect of such party, whichever is the later.

5. The Executive Secretary shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Procès-Verbal and a notification of each acceptance thereof to the Government of the Swiss Confederation, to each contracting party to the General Agreement, to each government which enters into negotiations for accession to that Agreement, and to each government which has acceded provisionally thereto.

Done at Geneva this eighth day of December one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being authentic.
II

PARTICIPATION OF SWITZERLAND IN THE WORK OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Decision of 8 December 1961

CONSIDERING that the parties to the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of the Swiss Confederation to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, of 22 November 1958, are taking steps, pursuant to paragraph 8 of that Declaration, to extend the maximum period of validity of the said Declaration; and

CONSIDERING FURTHER that the CONTRACTING PARTIES and the Government of the Swiss Confederation desire to extend the maximum period of validity of the Resolution of 22 November 1958 for the Participation of Switzerland in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, pursuant to the last clause of that Resolution,

DECIDE to extend the maximum period of validity of the Resolution of 22 November 1958 until the Government of the Swiss Confederation accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, or until 31 December 1964, whichever date is earlier.