ADMISSION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Draft Declaration

Contracting parties were informed in document L/1827/Rev.1 that the Government of the United Kingdom had made a declaration dated 3 September to the effect that the territory of Trinidad and Tobago had acquired on 31 August 1962 full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations.

The Executive Secretary has now been informed by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, in a communication dated 5 October, that it wishes to take advantage of the provisions of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI to become a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has advised that it will be represented at the twentieth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. In order that the CONTRACTING PARTIES may be ready to take the necessary action to admit Trinidad and Tobago as a contracting party, the following draft text is distributed for consideration and will be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for approval on the opening day of the session:

Taking note of the declaration by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of 3 September 1962 which informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago had acquired on 31 August 1962 full responsibility for matters covered by the General Agreement in its territory.

Considering that, by the said declaration, the Government of the United Kingdom established the fact that, as from 31 August 1962, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI of the General Agreement, to become a contracting party in respect of the territory on behalf of which the Government of the United Kingdom has accepted the General Agreement, and

Taking note of the declaration by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago of 5 October 1962 that, having acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for in the General Agreement, it wishes to be deemed a contracting party to the General Agreement pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI,
The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Declare that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is deemed to be a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as from 31 August 1962 and to have acquired the rights and obligations under the General Agreement of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to its territory as from that date.