PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

Declaration of 13 November 1962

The Government of the United Arab Republic and the other governments on
behalf of which this Declaration has been accepted (the latter governments being
hereinafter referred to as the "participating governments"),

Considering that the Government of the United Arab Republic on 17 April 1962
made a formal request to accede to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
(hereinafter referred to as the "General Agreement") in accordance with the
provisions of Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, and that that Government
will be prepared to conduct the negotiations on customs tariffs, or their
equivalent, with contracting parties, which it is considered should precede
accession under Article XXXIII, as soon as such negotiations can be arranged,

Considering that, pending accession under Article XXXIII, the United Arab
Republic is prepared to accept the obligations of the General Agreement,

Considering that, in view of the desirability of basing the trade relations
of the United Arab Republic with contracting parties upon the General Agreement
as soon as possible, it would be desirable to provide for the provisional accession
of the United Arab Republic to the General Agreement as a step towards its
eventual accession pursuant to Article XXXIII:

1. Declare that, pending the accession of the United Arab Republic to the
General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII, which will be subject
to the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations on customs tariffs or their
equivalent, in accordance with rules and procedures to be adopted by the CONTRACTING
PARTIES for this purpose, and to the settlement of other matters relevant to the
application of the General Agreement, the commercial relations between the participat­ing
governments and the United Arab Republic shall be based upon the General
Agreement, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The Government of the United Arab Republic shall apply provisionally
and subject to the provisions of this Declaration (i) Parts I and III of the
General Agreement, and (ii) Part II of the General Agreement to the fullest extent
not inconsistent with its legislation existing on the date of this Declaration;
the obligations incorporated in paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement
by reference to Article III thereof and those incorporated in paragraph 2 (b) of
Article II by reference to Article VI shall be considered as falling within Part II of the General Agreement for the purpose of this paragraph.

(h) While the United Arab Republic under the most-favoured-nation provisions of Article I of the General Agreement will receive the benefit of the concessions contained in the schedules annexed to the General Agreement, it shall not have any direct rights with respect to those concessions either under the provisions of Article II or under the provisions of any other Article of the General Agreement.

(c) In each case in which paragraph 6 of Article V, sub-paragraph 4 (d) of Article VII, and sub-paragraph 3 (c) of Article X of the General Agreement, refer to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of the United Arab Republic shall be the date of this Declaration.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement, this Declaration shall not require the elimination by the Government of the United Arab Republic of any preferences in respect of import duties or charges accorded by the United Arab Republic exclusively to one or more of the following countries: Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, provided, however, that these preferences do not exceed the levels in effect on the date of this Declaration.

(e) The preceding paragraph shall be deemed to be a Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES under Article XXVII as if it were a Decision pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article I.

(f) In the event that the United Arab Republic should at some future date desire to modify the preferences referred to in paragraph (e) above, including the addition of products not at present subject to preference, the matter shall be dealt with by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article I.

(g) Nothing in paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) above will affect the right of the United Arab Republic to benefit from the provisions of the General Agreement relating to the formation of a customs union or a free-trade area.

(h) The provisions of the General Agreement to be applied by the United Arab Republic shall be those contained in the text annexed to the Final Act of the second session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment as rectified, amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified by such instruments as may have become effective by the date of this Declaration.

2. Request the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTING PARTIES") to perform such functions as are necessary for the implementation of this Declaration.
3. This Declaration, which has been approved by a majority of two thirds of the contracting parties shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. It shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by the United Arab Republic, by contracting parties to the General Agreement and by any governments which shall have acceded provisionally to the General Agreement.

4. This Declaration shall become effective between the United Arab Republic and any participating government on the thirtieth day following the day upon which it shall have been accepted on behalf of both the United Arab Republic and that government; it shall remain in force until the Government of the United Arab Republic accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII thereof or until 31 December 1964, whichever date is earlier, unless it has been agreed between the United Arab Republic and the participating governments to extend its validity to a later date.

5. 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 Geneva this thirteenth day of November one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, in a single copy in the French and English languages, both texts authentic.