GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF ICELAND

Declaration of 5 March 1964

The Government of Iceland 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 Iceland on 11 December 1963 made a formal
request to accede to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter
referred to as the "General Agreement"), and that the Government of Iceland will
be prepared to conduct the negotiations with contracting parties which it is
considered should precede accession under Article XXXIII in the course of the
forthcoming Trade Negotiations,

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

Considering the desirability of basing the trade relations of Iceland with
contracting parties upon the General Agreement as soon as possible, and con­
sequently the desirability of providing for the provisional accession of Iceland
to the General Agreement as a step towards its accession pursuant to Article XXXIII,

1. Declare that, pending the accession of Iceland 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 to the General
Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTING PARTIES") for this purpose,
the commercial relations between the participating governments and Iceland shall
be based upon the General Agreement, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The Government of Iceland 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;
(b) while Iceland 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 Iceland shall be the date of this Declaration;

(d) the provisions of the General Agreement to be applied by Iceland 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 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 Iceland, 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 Iceland and any participating government on the thirtieth day following the day upon which it shall have been accepted on behalf of both Iceland and that government; it shall remain in force until the Government of Iceland accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII thereof or until 31 December 1965, whichever date is earlier, unless it has been agreed between Iceland 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 fifth day of March one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, in a single copy in the French and English languages, both texts authentic.