GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

PROVISIONAL ACCESION OF TUNISIA

The Director-General has received a communication from the representative of Tunisia, dated 30 October 1969, recalling the reasons which had led the Tunisian Government in 1968, to ask for an extension, until 31 December 1969, of the provisional accession of Tunisia. These reasons, as explained in an aide-mémoire distributed in document L/3060 of 26 September 1968, were in particular the concern of the Tunisian Government to negotiate its definitive accession on the basis of a new customs tariff, with a nomenclature and new duty rates consistent with the objectives of the Tunisian three-year and four-year plans.

In this respect the Tunisian Government wishes to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the elaboration of the new customs tariff has not yet been achieved. For this reason and in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the provisional accession of Tunisia the Tunisian Government requests a further extension until 31 December 1970 of the validity of the Declaration.

To facilitate consideration of this request at the next Council meeting, the secretariat has drawn up a draft procès-verbal extending the Declaration on provisional accession and a draft decision prolonging the invitation to Tunisia to participate in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. These drafts are annexed hereto.

A note on the present status of the Declaration is also annexed.
Annex 1

SIXTH PROCÈS-VERBAL EXTENDING THE DECLARATION ON THE PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

Draft

The parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Declaration" and "the General Agreement", respectively),

Acting pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Declaration,

Agree that

1. The validity of the Declaration is extended for a further year by changing the date in paragraph 6 to "31 December 1970".

2. This Procès-Verbal shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement. It shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Tunisia and by the participating governments. It shall become effective between the Government of Tunisia and any participating government as soon as it shall have been accepted by the Government of Tunisia and such government.

3. The Director-General shall furnish a certified copy of this Procès-Verbal and a notification of each acceptance thereof to the Government of Tunisia and to each contracting party to the General Agreement.

Done at Geneva this ............... day of ..........., one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being authentic.
Annex 2

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE DECISION OF 12 NOVEMBER 1959
INVITING TUNISIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE
CONTRACTING PARTIES

Draft

Considering that the parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the
Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
are taking steps, pursuant to paragraph 6 of that Declaration, to extend further
the period of validity of the Declaration:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Decide to extend further the period of validity of the Decision of
12 November 1959, which provided for the participation of Tunisia in the work of
the CONTRACTING PARTIES, until the Government of Tunisia accedes to the
General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII or until 31 December 1970,
whichever date is earlier.
Annex 3

STATUS OF PROVISIONAL ACCESSION

The validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 was extended by the Fifth Procès-Verbal of 19 November 1968 until 31 December 1969.

The Declaration is in force between Tunisia and the following Governments, which have accepted both the Declaration and the Fifth Procès-Verbal:

- Australia
- Austria
- Canada
- Cuba
- Czechoslovakia
- Denmark
- France
- India
- Japan
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Netherlands, Kingdom of the
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Sweden
- Tanzania
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

The following Governments, having accepted the Declaration, have not yet accepted the Fifth Procès-Verbal:

- Barbados
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Burundi
- Ceylon
- Chad
- Chile
- Congo (Brazzaville)
- Cyprus
- Dahomey
- Finland
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Germany, Fed. Rep. of 1
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guyana
- Indonesia
- Israel
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Kuwait
- Luxembourg
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Mauritania
- New Zealand
- Niger
- Peru
- Rhodesia
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Switzerland
- Togo
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uganda
- United Arab Republic
- Upper Volta
- Uruguay
- Yugoslavia

1 Accepted the Fifth Procès-Verbal subject to ratification.