Considering that the Geneva (1979) Protocol to the GATT and the Protocol Supplementary to the Geneva (1979) Protocol to the GATT have not yet been accepted by all contracting parties which have schedules of tariff concessions annexed to these Protocols,

Considering the established GATT practice according to which the CONTRACTING PARTIES or the Council, under such circumstances, have authority to decide on an extension of the time-limit for the acceptance of such Protocols and other instruments of a similar nature in case of compelling need,

Recalling that the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 24 November 1980 decided to extend the time-limit for the acceptance of the Protocols until 30 June 1981,

The Council of Representatives

Decides to extend further the time-limit for acceptance of the said Protocols until 31 December 1981, and

Urges the contracting parties which have schedules annexed to the said Protocols and have not yet accepted them to make every effort to do so in the near future.

1Adopted by the Council (C/M/148)