PROTOCOL
AMENDING THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
TO INTRODUCE A PART IV ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT,
DONE AT GENEVA ON 8 FEBRUARY 1966

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCES

I hereby notify that the above-mentioned Protocol was accepted by the following Governments on the dates indicated:

Burundi 13 June 1966
Spain 24 June 1966

Furthermore, on 27 June 1966, the Government of Chad deposited an instrument of ratification with me, thereby recognizing as fully binding the signature of its Plenipotentiary on 5 April 1966.

Two thirds of the contracting parties (forty-five) have now accepted the Protocol, with the result that the amendments to the General Agreement set out therein entered into force as from 27 June 1966 for those contracting parties which have accepted the Protocol.

This notification is furnished in accordance with paragraph 7 of the Protocol.

E. Wyndham White
Director-General

1Acceptance of the Protocol by Spain was accompanied by a letter a copy of which is attached.
Sir,

On the occasion of the Second Special Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in February 1965, Spain expressed its complete concurrence with the spirit which had prevailed during the formulation of Part IV of the General Agreement and supported the principles underlying it, as constituting an important further step in the co-operation of the developed countries for the economic development of those countries which are not yet fully developed.

In signing the Protocol amending the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to introduce a Part IV on Trade and Development, my Government wishes to make a declaration in order to establish the position of Spain with respect to Part IV mentioned above.

In the initial stages of the studies and meetings that led to the formulation of the first drafts of what was then Chapter 4, now Part IV, it was considered that the classification into developed countries and less-developed countries was excessively simplified and scarcely corresponded to reality, since there existed and still exist a certain number of nations which for one or other reason of an economic nature do not come within either of the extreme concepts of development and under-development, by reason of the fact that they are at an intermediate stage in which they benefit from a certain level of industrialization, that may be more or less high according to the case, but are still far behind the countries that are truly developed and industrialized. The existence of this class of countries at an intermediate stage of development was implicitly recognized since it was mentioned in the early drafts of Part IV, as mentioned above, in an article reading as follows:

"Those contracting parties, the economies of which are undergoing a process of industrialization and which are seeking to avoid an excessive dependence upon a limited range of primary products for their export earnings but which are not less-developed contracting parties, shall endeavour, with due regard to their own development needs and policies, to apply to the maximum possible extent obligations identical to those which other contracting parties accept ...."  

Spain is a country in the process of development whose exports, being still mainly composed of agricultural products and raw materials, render particularly sensitive and irregular the rate of the foreign exchange earnings

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required for its growing import needs, so that from a certain aspect Spain is undoubtedly a country included among those referred to by the above-mentioned article which was deleted from the final version of Part IV, which merely specifies the scope and characteristics of the undertakings to be entered into by the developed and industrialized countries. Despite the fact that it does not belong to the latter group, and being resolved to contribute to the fullest extent possible to the objectives of GATT, Spain is signing the Protocol amending the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to introduce a Part IV on Trade and Development and intends, taking into account its special economic characteristics and the requirements of its Economic and Social Development Plan, to fulfill to the fullest extent possible the undertakings set forth in Article XXXVII of Part IV.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) José A. Giménez-Arnau
Permanent Representative