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PROTOCOL
AMENDING THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
TO INTRODUCE A PART IV ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT,
DONE AT GENEVA ON 8 FEBRUARY 1965

ACCEPTANCES

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on 19 May 1965 the Protocol Amending the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to Introduce a Part IV on Trade and Development, done at Geneva on 8 February 1965, was accepted by the Government of Australia. This acceptance was accompanied by a statement which is set out in the communication attached to this letter.

This communication is made in accordance with paragraph 7 of the Protocol.

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

E. Wyndham White
Director-General
Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia has authorised me by this letter to accept on its behalf the Protocol amending the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to introduce a Part IV on Trade and Development, with the understanding that:

(a) because of its own development needs and policies it would be inappropriate for Australia, one of the contracting parties referred to in Article XVIII:4(b) of the General Agreement, the economy of which is in the course of industrial development and which is seeking to avoid an excessive dependence on a limited range of primary products for its export earnings but which is not a less-developed country, to undertake to give effect to the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Article XXXVII to the same extent or in the same manner as the other contracting parties to which those paragraphs apply; and

(b) the provisions of those paragraphs of Article XXXVII will be applied to the fullest extent consistent with Australia's development needs and policies and responsibilities.

The reasons for Australia's inability to accept the new Protocol other than on this understanding were explained in the statement of the Australian representative to the Special Session of the Contracting Parties on 8th February, 1965.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) Paul Hasluck
Minister for External Affairs
for the Commonwealth of Australia

The Executive Secretary to the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,
Geneva.