Relations with Poland

In March 1959 the CONTRACTING PARTIES were informed of the desire of Poland to accede to the General Agreement. The representative of Poland stated, however, that if it were to prove impossible for Poland to be admitted as a full member, his Government would be prepared to accept some other suitable form of closer co-operation with the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

A working party examined the request of Poland and has drawn up the text of a Declaration on relations between contracting parties and Poland. The Declaration states that Poland and the parties to the Declaration, being guided by the objectives of the GATT, desire to extend their trade on the basis of mutual advantage in trading relations and opportunities. The Declaration also provides for the participation of Poland in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. Under the Declaration the CONTRACTING PARTIES will review annually the development of trading relations with Poland.

The Declaration will enter into force when it has been accepted by two-thirds of the Contracting Parties.

The Declaration was opened for signature today.