GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Nineteenth Session

PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

The request by the Government of Tunisia (L/1634) for an extension of the arrangements for provisional accession (88/14-16) will come before the CONTRACTING PARTIES for consideration before the close of the nineteenth session. In the event that the CONTRACTING PARTIES wish to grant this extension, the following drafts might be considered:

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Procès-Verbal Extending the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

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

DESIRING to extend the Declaration pursuant to paragraph 6,

ACTING pursuant to paragraph 6 thereof:

AGREE:

1. The maximum period of validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 is extended for two years by changing the date in paragraph 6 from "31 December 1961" to 31 December 1963.

2. The Procès-Verbal shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement. It shall remain open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Tunisia, by contracting parties to the General Agreement and by other governments, following their acceptance of the Declaration of 12 November 1959.

3. This Procès-Verbal shall enter into force upon its acceptance by all the parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959. Provided that if it shall not have been accepted by all such parties by 31 December 1961,

(a) it shall enter into force in respect of those parties thereto which shall have accepted it as soon as it shall have been accepted by Tunisia and any other such party, and (b) it shall enter into force for any such party subsequently accepting it upon such acceptance or upon the entry into force of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 in respect of such party, whichever is the later.
4. The Executive Secretary shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Procès-Verbal and a notification of each acceptance thereof to the Government of Tunisia, to each contracting party to the General Agreement, to each government which enters into negotiations for accession to the General Agreement and to each government which has acceded provisionally thereto.

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

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Extension of the Time-limit for the Participation of Tunisia in the Work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

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

CONSIDERING FURTHER that the CONTRACTING PARTIES and the Government of Tunisia desire to extend the maximum period of validity of the Decision of 12 November 1959 which provides for the participation of Tunisia in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE to extend the maximum period of validity of the Decision of 12 November 1959 until the Government of TUNISIA accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII of the General Agreement or until 31 December 1963 whichever date is earlier.