The Governments which are contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the contracting parties" and "the General Agreement" respectively),

Desiring to effect amendments to the General Agreement, pursuant to the provisions of Article XXX thereof,

Hereby agree as follows:

1. The provisions of Articles I, II, XXIX and XXX of the General Agreement and Annexes E, F, G and I shall be amended and a new Article shall be inserted therein as follows:

A

B

(a) Article I shall be amended as follows:

(i) ...

(ii) ...

(iii) ...

(iv) ...

(b) The text of Annex E shall read:

...

(c) Annex F shall be deleted.

(d) Annex G shall be amended as follows:

...

(e) The note in Annex I to Article I
(a) Article II shall be amended as follows:

(i) ...

(ii) ...

(iii) ...

(iv) ...

(b) The notes in Annex I to Article II shall .......

D

(a) Article XXIX shall be deleted.

(b) The Note in Annex I to Article XXIX shall be deleted.

E

(a) The text of Article XXX shall read:.......

....

(b) The following note shall be inserted in Annex I to Article XXX:

....

2. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Executive Secretary to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement and, after the entry into force of the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation, with the Director-General of that Organization.

3. It shall be open for signature by the contracting parties to the General Agreement and by governments acceding thereto until Provided that the CONTRACTING PARTIES by a decision taken by the majority specified in paragraph 5(a) of Article XXV of the General Agreement may decide to permit a contracting party to sign this Protocol after the date mentioned above.

4. The Executive Secretary to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement, or the Director-General of the Organization, as the case may be, shall promptly furnish a certified copy of this Protocol, and a notification of each signature thereto, to each contracting party to the General Agreement.
5. Signature of this Protocol in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Protocol shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of the amendments set forth in paragraph 1 in accordance with Article XXX of the General Agreement.

6. This Protocol shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

7. The amendments set out in paragraph 1 of this Protocol shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Article XXX of the General Agreement, following its acceptance by all the governments which are then contracting parties; Provided that the amendments provided in sub-paragraph (i) of Sections B and C and Section D shall not become operative prior to the entry into force of the amendment provided in Section A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective representatives, duly authorized to that effect, have signed the present Protocol.

DONE, at Geneva, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic, this day of one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

DRAFT DECISION
(proposed by the Legal and Drafting Committee)

CONSIDERING that, under the provisions of Article XXX of the General Agreement, no amendment to the provisions of Part I of the General Agreement or to the provisions of Articles XXIX and XXX can become effective until it has been accepted by all the contracting parties;

DESIROUS of adopting a practical procedure for making amendments to those provisions of the General Agreement by means of a protocol,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDE

(1) that each Section of the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX of the General Agreement shall be deemed to constitute an amendment for the purpose of application of Article XXX;

(2) that the signature of that Protocol by a contracting party shall be effective as an acceptance, even though it is accompanied by a statement to the effect that the acceptance does not apply to one or more Sections of the Protocol;

(3) in such a case, the acceptance shall constitute an acceptance of all the amendments set out in that Protocol with the exception of those specified in that statement;
THEY RECOGNIZE that in such a case any amendment to which the statement refers shall not become effective until it has been accepted by all contracting parties in accordance with the provisions of Article XXX;

THEY AGREE

(1) that the proviso in paragraph 5 of the Protocol providing for the date on which the deletion of Article XXIX and related provisions becomes operative does not prejudice in any way the legal position under Article XXX and was approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES only as a practical method in view of the circumstances under which the proposed amendment to Article XXIX and the insertion of a new Article I were agreed upon;

(2) that this Decision shall not be considered as constituting in any way a precedent.