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Add the following new paragraph to Article 17:

4. The negotiations leading to the conclusion of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade contained in the Final Act signed at Geneva on 30 October 1947 shall be deemed to be negotiations pursuant to the relevant provisions of this Charter.

Comment

In a number of Articles in the Charter, reference is made to negotiations under Article 17 or concessions negotiated pursuant to Chapter IV. It is clearly intended that the negotiations leading up to the General Agreement should be regarded as negotiations under or pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Charter.

Article 18

National Treatment on Internal Taxation and Regulations.

Add a new paragraph to Article 18, as follows:

Taxes or regulations imposed on imports solely to compensate for equivalent charges or regulations imposed internally in respect of a domestic product shall be regarded as internal taxes or regulations subject to all the requirements of this Article.