SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

Text of Protocol of Provisional Application as amended up to September 18, 1947 by the Tariff Agreement Committee

PROTOCOL OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

The Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, Belgium (in respect of the metropolitan territory), the Kingdom of the Netherlands (in respect of the metropolitan territory), and Luxemburg, Canada, the French Republic (in respect of the metropolitan territory), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in respect of the metropolitan territory), and the United States of America, undertake, provided that all of such governments shall have signed this Protocol not later than November 15, 1947, to apply provisionally on and after January 1, 1948 (a) Parts I and III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and (b) Part II of that Agreement to the fullest extent not inconsistent with existing legislation.

The above-named governments shall make effective such provisional application of the General Agreement, in respect of any of their territories other than their metropolitan territories, on or after January 1, 1948, upon the expiration of thirty days from the day on which notice of such application is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Any other government signatory of this Protocol shall make effective such provisional application of the General Agreement, on or after January 1, 1948, upon the expiration of thirty days from the day of the signature of this Protocol by such government.
Any government applying this Protocol shall be free to withdraw such application on sixty days' written notice to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

This Protocol shall be open for signature until June 30, 1948, at the Headquarters of the United Nations, Lake Success, New York, by any government signatory of the Final Act adopted at the conclusion of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment which shall not have signed this Protocol on this day.

The original of this Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will furnish certified copies thereof to all interested governments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective Representatives, after having communicated their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have signed this Protocol.

DONE in duplicate, in the English and French languages, both authentic, at Geneva, this day of 1947,

FOR THE etc. [Note: Each signature would be accompanied by an indication of the date of signature, i.e. :

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

John Doe

30 September 1947