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

Text of the Final Act as amended up to September 18, 1947, by the Tariff Agreement Committee.

FINAL ACT.

In accordance with the Resolution adopted at the First Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, appointed by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on February 18, 1946, the Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Luxemburg, the United States of Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Czechoslovak Republic, the French Republic, India, Lebanon, New Zealand, the Kingdom of Norway, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Syria, the Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, initiated negotiations between their representatives at Geneva on April 10, 1947 directed to the substantial reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers and to the elimination of preferences, on a reciprocal and mutually advantageous basis. These negotiations have terminated to-day and have resulted in the framing of a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and a Protocol of Provisional Application, the texts of which are annexed hereto. These texts are hereby authenticated.

It is understood that the signature of this Final Act or of the Protocol of Provisional Application by any of the above-mentioned governments does not in any way prejudice their

This Final Act, together with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Protocol of Provisional Application, will be released by the Secretary-General of the United Nations for publication on November eighteenth, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, provided that the Protocol of Provisional Application shall have been signed by November fifteenth, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven by all the countries named therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective Representatives have signed the present Act.

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