Article XXVI - Acceptance, Entry into Force and Registration.

1. The present Agreement shall bear the date of the signature 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 and shall be open to acceptance by any government signatory to the Final Act.

2. The original of this Agreement done in the English and French languages, each in single copy, both authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall furnish certified copies thereof to all interested governments.

3. Each government accepting this Agreement shall deposit an instrument of acceptance with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will inform all interested governments of the date of deposit of each instrument of acceptance and of the date on which this Agreement enters into force under paragraph 5.

4. Each government accepting this Agreement does so in respect of its metropolitan territory and of the other territories for which it has international responsibility; Provided that it may, at the time of acceptance declare that any separate customs territory for which it has international responsibility possesses
full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for by this Agreement, and that acceptance does not relate to such territory; Provided further that if any of the customs territories on behalf of which a contracting party has accepted this Agreement possesses or acquires full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for by this Agreement, such a territory shall, upon sponsorship through a declaration by the responsible contracting party establishing the above-mentioned fact be deemed to be a contracting party.

5. This Agreement shall enter into force, as among the governments which have accepted it, on the thirtieth day following the day on which instruments of acceptance have been deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on behalf of signatory governments the territories of which account for 85% of the total trade of the territories of the governments 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, as set forth in Annex G. The instrument of acceptance of each other government signatory to the Final Act shall take effect on the 30th day following the day on which such instrument was deposited; Provided that no such entry into force shall take place until any agreement necessary under the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article XXIX has been reached.

6. The United Nations is authorized to effect registration of this Agreement as soon as it comes into force.