

GATT/AIR/328

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SUBJECT: POSTAL BALLOT ON THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN

THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON 30 APRIL 1963. COPIES OF THE PROTOCOL (L/1994) WILL BE SENT TO EACH CONTRACTING PARTY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. COPIES OF THE SCHEDULES CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 30 APRIL; FOR CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT THE COUNCIL COPIES WILL BE ISSUED TO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON 16 MAY.

THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN DEPENDS ON A DECISION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXXIII. ACCORDINGLY, CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE INVITED TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION, THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS ALSO APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

DRAFT DECISION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AGREEING TO THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

HAVING REGARD TO THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, DECIDE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XXXIII OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AGREE TO THE ACCESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS WHICH ARE PROVIDED FOR IN THE PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.
2. VOTES BY CONTRACTING PARTIES ON THIS DECISION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AT GENEVA NOT LATER THAN 30 JUNE 1963.
3. THIS DECISION SHALL CONSTITUTE A DECISION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, TAKEN ON 30 JUNE 1963, PROVIDED THAT BY THAT DATE FAVOURABLE VOTES THEREON SHALL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM TWO THIRDS OF THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE AT THAT TIME CONTRACTING PARTIES.

THE ATTACHED BALLOT PAPER, WHEN COMPLETED, SHOULD BE RETURNED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN 30 JUNE 1963. CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE REMINDED THAT FAILURE TO VOTE WILL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS A NEGATIVE VOTE.

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