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Working Paper for the Drafting Committee

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ARTICLE XXIII  
Territorial Application

1. Any Signatory may at the time of signature of this Agreement, or at any time thereafter, declare by notification given to the Executive Secretary that the Agreement shall extend to or be accepted in respect of any of the territories for whose international relations it is responsible, and the Agreement shall, from the date of the receipt of the notification, apply to the territories named therein.
2. A Signatory which has made a declaration under paragraph 1 may at any time thereafter declare by notification given to the Executive Secretary that the Agreement shall cease to apply to any territory named in the notification. Six months from the date on which such notification is sent from the Signatory the Agreement shall cease to apply to that territory.
3. Where a Signatory or a non-signatory government mainly interested in the import or consumption of the commodity has dependent or autonomous territories mainly interested in the export or production of the commodity, or vice-versa, there may at study groups, negotiating conferences and councils be either joint representation of the Signatory or non-signatory government and its dependent or autonomous territories that are in the said position or, where the Signatory or the non-signatory government so wishes, separate representation for such territory or territories.

ARTICLE XXIV  
Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement:

1. "Signatory" means a government or a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which has accepted this Agreement.
2. "Commodity" or "primary commodity" means any product of farm, forest or fishery, or any mineral, in its natural form or which has undergone such processing as is customarily required to prepare it for marketing in substantial volume in international trade. The term "commodity" may also include, at the discretion of the Assembly, commodities closely related to a primary commodity as regards conditions of production or utilization.
3. "Commodity arrangement" or "arrangement" means any intergovernmental agreement or arrangement designed to affect the production or consumption of, or the international trade in, a specified commodity or commodities.