

AIRGRAM

TÉLÉGRAMME PAR AVION

GATT/AIR/31

16 JANUARY 1953

SUBJECT: SIGNATURE OF THE TORQUAY PROTOCOL BY BRAZIL

BY A DECISION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF 7 NOVEMBER 1952 THE TIME LIMIT FOR SIGNATURE OF THE TORQUAY PROTOCOL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL WAS EXTENDED UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1952.

AS THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL, WHICH HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL BY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE, HAS NOW INFORMED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT IT IS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, THE CONTRACTING PARTIES MAY WISH TO GRANT A FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME TO ALLOW SIGNATURE OF THE PROTOCOL BY BRAZIL.

I AM THEREFORE SUBMITTING FOR VOTE BY POSTAL BALLOT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT TO 28 FEBRUARY 1953.

CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE INVITED TO RECORD THEIR VOTE BY 14 FEBRUARY 1953.

THIS DECISION, TAKEN PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXXIII, REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

E. WYNDHAM WHITE

DRAFT DECISION GRANTING A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR SIGNATURE OF THE TORQUAY PROTOCOL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provided that the Protocol would be open for signature by present contracting parties and acceding governments until 21 October 1951 and that this time-limit was extended until 31 December 1952,

CONSIDERING that the Government of Brazil was only empowered to sign the Protocol a few days after the expiration of the above time-limit,

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Government of Brazil to sign the Protocol,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that, notwithstanding paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol, signature of the Protocol shall be deemed to be effective for all purposes of that Protocol, if affixed by the Government of Brazil not later than 28 February 1953, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present Decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Sent to: Chairman of Contracting Parties
33 contracting parties (not Nicaragua)

copies to liaison officers and U.N. representatives.