

**AIRGRAM**

**TÉLÉGRAMME PAR AVION**

GATT/AIR/44

3 May 1954

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF 24 OCTOBER 1953 ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF GATT SCHEDULES - SIGNATURE BY GERMANY

1. BY THEIR DECISION OF 22 FEBRUARY 1954 THE CONTRACTING PARTIES GRANTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT UNTIL 30 APRIL TO CONFIRM ITS SIGNATURE OF THE DECLARATION OF 24 OCTOBER 1953 ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF SCHEDULES. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTED THAT IT IS TAKING LONGER THAN EXPECTED TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY AND THEREFORE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SIGNATURE COULD NOT BE EFFECTED BY 30 APRIL. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ANOTHER EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT UNTIL 15 JUNE 1954 AND RENEWS ITS ASSURANCE THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND, ON THE SAME BASIS OF RECIPROCITY AS IS CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION, BY THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE DECLARATION.

2. CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE ASKED TO RECORD THEIR VOTES ON THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY 31 MAY. IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE THE ASSENT OF EACH GOVERNMENT WHICH IS A PARTY TO THE DECLARATION AND THEREFORE I SHALL CONSIDER THAT THE DECISION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY EACH CONTRACTING PARTY WHICH EITHER CASTS A FAVOURABLE VOTE BY 31 MAY OR DOES NOT RECORD AN OBJECTION BY THAT DATE.

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DRAFT DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT FOR GERMANY TO CONFIRM ITS SIGNATURE OF THE DECLARATION ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF SCHEDULES

CONSIDERING that the Declaration of 24 October 1953 on the Continued Application of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade remained open for signature until 31 December 1953,

CONSIDERING that the Government of Germany, which signed the Declaration ad referendum on 24 October 1953, was not able to obtain the necessary parliamentary authority to confirm its signature by 31 December 1953 and was granted an extension of time until 30 April 1954, by the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 22 February 1954, but was unable to obtain the authority to confirm its signature by that date, and

A copy of this airgram was sent to all Foreign Ministers - including Japan (for inf.) carbon copies marked "For Information" sent to all L.O.'s and Perm. Reps., and copy to Chairman marked "For Information".

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Government of Germany to confirm its signature of the Declaration, '

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of the third paragraph of the Declaration, the signature of the Government of Germany, if confirmed not later than 15 June 1954, shall have the same effects as if it had been confirmed by 31 December 1953; and

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