

GATT/AIR/64

7 JUNE 1955

SUBJECT: DECISION ON THE ACCESSION OF JAPAN

..... THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE PROTOCOL OF TERMS OF ACCESSION WAS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE TODAY. A COPY OF THE PROTOCOL IS ATTACHED HERETO. ONE COPY OF THE ANNEXED SCHEDULES WILL BE SENT TO EACH CONTRACTING PARTY BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ITS LIAISON OFFICER.

THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION DEPENDS ON A DECISION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXXIII. ACCORDINGLY CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE INVITED TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION. VOTES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN 11 AUGUST 1955. CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE REMINDED THAT FAILURE TO VOTE WILL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS A NEGATIVE VOTE. PROVIDED TWO-THIRDS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE DECISION BY 11 AUGUST THE PROTOCOL WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1955.

DRAFT DECISION AGREEING TO THE ACCESSION OF JAPAN

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

HAVING REGARD TO THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTED TOWARD THE ACCESSION OF JAPAN 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 JAPAN TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS WHICH ARE PROVIDED FOR IN THE PROTOCOL OF TERMS OF ACCESSION OF JAPAN TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.
2. VOTES BY CONTRACTING PARTIES ON THIS DECISION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AT GENEVA NOT LATER THAN 11 AUGUST 1955.
3. THIS DECISION SHALL CONSTITUTE A DECISION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TAKEN ON 11 AUGUST 1955, 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.

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