

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ADMISSION OF ZAMBIA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Certification by the Director-General

In document L/2343 of 22 January 1965 the contracting parties were informed by the Government of the United Kingdom that on 24 October 1964 the Republic of Zambia (formerly the territory of Northern Rhodesia) acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Thus, the fact that the Republic of Zambia was qualified, in the sense of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI, to become a contracting party, had been established.

The Government of Zambia has been applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis, pursuant to the Recommendations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 18 November 1960 and of 11 November 1967, and has now advised that it wishes to be deemed a contracting party to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXVI:5(c). Since the conditions required by Article XXVI:5(c) have been met, the Republic of Zambia has become a contracting party; its rights and obligations date from 24 October 1964.

The Government of Zambia also declared its acceptance of the Protocol Amending the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to introduce a Part IV on Trade and Development, done at Geneva on 8 February 1965.

A new Schedule LXXVIII relating to Zambia and comprising the concessions formerly listed in Schedule XVI relating to the defunct Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, will formally be established through the procedure of certification of changes to schedules to the General Agreement. The Government of Zambia has indicated its intention to open in due course renegotiations under Article XXVIII for the purpose of drawing up a new schedule in view of the fact that Zambia has changed its Tariff Nomenclature.