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PROTOCOL OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

1. The Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Kingdom of Belgium (in respect of its metropolitan territory), Canada, the French Republic (in respect of its metropolitan territory), the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands (in respect of its metropolitan territory), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in respect of its metropolitan territory), and the United States of America, undertake, provided that this Protocol shall have been signed on behalf of all the foregoing governments not later than November 15, 1947, to apply provisionally on and after January 1, 1948:

- (a) Parts I and III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and
- (b) Part II of that Agreement to the fullest extent not inconsistent with existing legislation.

2. The foregoing governments shall make effective such provisional application of the General Agreement, in respect of any of their territories other than their metropolitan territories, on or after January 1, 1948, upon the expiration of thirty days from the day on which notice of such application is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. Any other government signatory to this Protocol shall make effective such provisional application of the General Agreement, on or after January 1, 1948, upon the expiration of thirty days from the day of signature of this protocol on behalf of such government.

4. This Protocol shall remain open for signature at the Headquarters of the United Nations, (a) until November 15, 1947, on behalf of any government named in paragraph 1 of this Protocol which has not signed it on this day, and (b) until June 30, 1948, on behalf of any other government signatory to the Final Act adopted at the conclusion of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment which has not signed it on this day.

5. Any government applying this Protocol shall be free to withdraw such application, and such withdrawal shall take effect upon the expiration of sixty days from the day on which written notice of such withdrawal is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

6. The original of this Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will furnish certified copies thereof to all interested governments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective Representatives, after having communicated their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have signed this Protocol.

DONE at Geneva, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic, this thirtieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

(Here follow the names of the signatories.)