

## GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE\*

As amended by Protocols signed at Havana, March 24, 1948 and at Geneva, September 14, 1948\*\*

The Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Kingdom of Belgium, the United States of Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Czechoslovak Republic, the French Republic, India, Lebanon, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Kingdom of Norway, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Syria, the Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America:

Recognizing that their relations in the field of trade and economic endeavour should be conducted with a view to raising standards of living, ensuring full employment and a large and steadily growing volume of real income and effective demand, developing the full use of the resources of the world and expanding the production and exchange of goods;

Being desirous of contributing to these objectives by entering into reciprocal and mutually advantageous arrangements directed to the substantial reduction of tariffs and other barriers to trade and to the elimination of discriminatory treatment in international commerce;

Have through their Representatives agreed as follows:

### PART I

#### ARTICLE I

##### *General Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment*

1. With respect to customs duties and charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation or imposed on the international transfer of payments for imports or exports, and with respect to the method of levying such duties and charges, and with respect to all rules and formalities in connection with importation and exportation, and with respect to all matters referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article III, any advantage, favour, privilege or immunity granted by any contracting party to any product originating in

\* Provisionally in force, January 1, 1948.

\*\* For the original text of the General Agreement as adopted at Geneva on October 30, 1947, see *Canada Treaty Series*, 1947, No. 27.

The Protocols signed at Havana on March 24, 1948, are as follows: Protocol of rectifications to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (in force March 24, 1948); Protocol modifying certain provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (in force April 19, 1948); Special Protocol modifying Article XIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (in force April 19, 1948); Special Protocol relating to Article XXIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (in force June 7, 1948). The text of these Protocols may be found in *Canada Treaty Series*, 1948, No. 12.

The Protocols signed at Geneva on September 14, 1948, are as follows: Protocol of rectifications to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (in force September 14, 1948); Protocol modifying Part I and Article XXIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (not yet in force); Protocol modifying Part II and Article XXVI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (in force December 14, 1948). The text of these Protocols may be found in *Canada Treaty Series*, 1948, No. 30.