

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## LIBERALIZATION IN RAW MATERIALS TRADE

At the request of the Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce the following Resolution, adopted by the 91st Session of the Executive Committee of the ICC on 1 December 1970, is distributed for the information of contracting parties.

### Resolution

adopted by the 91st Session of the Executive Committee of the ICC  
(1 December 1970)

The International Chamber of Commerce,

Noting that, in spite of the progress made towards the liberalization of trade, there still remain some obstacles which hamper trade in certain raw materials in several countries,

Taking the view that the existence of these obstacles damages the interests both of countries exporting these raw materials and the processing industry in the importing country; observing that this is particularly the case when these obstacles distort competition between natural raw materials and substitute products and amount in fact to a discrimination in favour of competing synthetic products;

In line with its general policy aimed at removing all obstacles to international trade, the ICC recommends those countries which continue to levy heavy duty, or to impose administrative restrictions, on the importation of raw materials of vegetable, animal or mineral origin to give favourable consideration to the rapid elimination of these barriers to trade.