

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT TO LAOS, CAMBODIA AND TUNISIA

### Draft Recommendation regarding continued de facto Application

At the meeting of CONTRACTING PARTIES on 1 November (SR.12/11) the Executive Secretary was instructed to consult with the French delegation and with representatives of Laos, Cambodia and Tunisia with a view to the implementation, in respect of these three countries, of the procedures agreed upon by the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/748) for the application of Article XXVI:5(c). The following draft recommendation is submitted for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

#### Draft

Considering that paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI of the General Agreement provides that, if a territory, in respect of which the General Agreement has been applied, acquires full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of other matters provided for in that Agreement, such territory may be sponsored by the responsible contracting party to be a contracting party;

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, on 1 November 1957, adopted a recommendation as to procedure pending such sponsorship in cases in which a territory has acquired such full autonomy;

Considering that Laos, Cambodia and Tunisia have possessed such full autonomy for a considerable period and that it would be appropriate to apply the recommended procedures to them;

Considering that consultations provided for in such recommendations have, to the extent practical, been carried out with France and with these three countries:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Recommend that a reasonable period during which contracting parties should continue de facto to apply the General Agreement in their relations with Laos, Cambodia and Tunisia, provided that such country continues de facto to apply the Agreement to them, should end in the case of Laos and Cambodia two weeks after the commencement of the Thirteenth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and in the case of Tunisia two weeks after the commencement of the Fourteenth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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