Before the opening of the Eighth Session the government of Turkey drew attention to the effect of action taken by the United States on 10 June 1953, under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, whereby a quota of 4,500,000 lbs. was imposed on the importation of shelled filberts. Turkey is the principal supplier of filberts, and the United States' action was considered by Turkey to nullify the benefits of GATT concessions granted by the United States.

When this matter was discussed in plenary session Mr. Winthrop Brown, United States, said that it was the policy of his government to keep under constant review any action taken under Section 22, to see if continued restrictions were required. The United States Tariff Commission had accordingly reviewed the filbert marketing situation and had recommended that the import quota on filberts should not be continued after 30 September 1953. The President had approved this recommendation and the cause of the Turkish complaint had thus been entirely removed.

Mr. Hasan Isik, Turkey, in thanking the United States government for its prompt action, said that the United States' decision to remove the quota not only freed imports but also showed the United States' desire to orientate towards a more liberal trade policy. It reaffirmed that the United States government was fully aware of its role in the sphere of international cooperation and was sincere in its desire to restore world trade on the freest possible basis. Mr. Tommaso Notarangeli, Italy, said he wished to associate himself with the remarks of the Turkish delegate.