Japan accedes to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

The Contracting Parties to the General Agreement have approved the following Decision agreeing to the accession of Japan:

"The Contracting Parties,

"Having regard to the results of the negotiations directed toward the accession of Japan to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

"Decide, in accordance with Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, as follows:

1. The Contracting Parties agree to the accession of the Government of Japan to the General Agreement on the terms which are provided for in the Protocol of Terms of Accession of Japan to the General Agreement.

2. Votes by contracting parties on this Decision must be received by the Chairman of the Contracting Parties at Geneva not later than 11 August 1955.

3. This Decision shall constitute a decision of the Contracting Parties taken on 11 August 1955, provided that by that date favourable votes thereon shall have been received from two-thirds of the governments which are at that time contracting parties."
As a result of this Decision the Protocol providing for the accession of Japan will enter into force on 10 September 1955. Under this Protocol Japan will become a contracting party to the General Agreement and the provisions for putting into effect the tariff concessions agreed upon in the negotiations for accession will become effective. The tariff concessions negotiated between Japan and the United States, Canada and Denmark, respectively, will become immediately effective on that date and those negotiated with other countries as soon as the notification required by the Protocol has been given.

Further details pertaining to the accession of Japan will be given in a communiqué to be issued when Japan becomes a contracting party in accordance with the above Decision, that is on 10 September.