The Contracting Parties today considered the agenda items dealing with the Determination of Venue for the 1950 Tariff negotiations, which are due to open on 23 September.

The case for Torquay was presented by Sir Stephen L. Holmes; the case for Bordighera by Dr. Angelo Di Nola, Italy; for Cannes, by André Philip, France; and relevant information about the probable office situation in the Palais des Nations was given by Mr. J. Evans, Deputy Director of the Geneva office of the United Nations.

On the first ballot, which was taken by secret vote, Torquay received an overall majority of those Contracting Parties present and voting. The results were Torquay 12 votes, Cannes 1, Geneva 2, Monaco 1, Abstention 1. Five Contracting Parties were not present.

The Contracting Parties then began their consideration of a proposal by the United Kingdom to revalidate the Geneva and Annecy Schedules. The details of this proposal will be set out in the full agenda with notes, which it is hoped to issue very shortly.
Note: This Press Release was written before the morning meeting today (24 February), and therefore does not take account of any decisions made thereat.

Re Items 13, 14 and 15 - the release will not be issued until after a decision has been reached on these items.

All comments or corrections must reach the Secretariat before 10 a.m. Monday 27th. They should be addressed to Press Officer, Bureau 15.