SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF YUGOSLAVIA

At their twenty-third session the contracting parties approved the text of a decision providing for the accession of Yugoslavia and also the text of a protocol. It was agreed that the protocol would be completed by the annexing of a schedule of concessions granted by Yugoslavia in the tariff negotiations, which were in progress between Yugoslavia and interested contracting parties, and that the Council of Representatives would then submit the decision to a vote under the provisions of Article XXXIII. It was reported to the Council on 10 June that the tariff negotiations had been concluded and the Council gave instructions for the decision to be put to a vote.

The text of the protocol, including the annexed schedule, is attached hereto. There is also attached a ballot paper for voting on the decision. Contracting parties are requested to cast their votes as soon as possible and in any case not later than 14 July 1966.

In accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII, the decision will be adopted if two thirds (i.e. forty-five) of the contracting parties cast affirmative votes. I would draw attention to the fact that, under the voting requirements of Article XXXIII, an abstention has the same effect as a negative vote.

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