SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF KOREA

On 16 December the Council of Representatives approved the text of a decision providing for the accession of the Republic of Korea 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 Korea in the tariff negotiations, which were in progress between Korea and interested contracting parties, and that the decision would then be submitted to a vote under the provisions of Article XXXIII.

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 10 March 1967. (Permanent Representatives and Liaison Officers in Geneva, having authority to vote on behalf of their Governments, can obtain ballot papers from the Secretariat.)

In accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII, the decision will be adopted if two thirds (i.e. forty-seven) 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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