The following communication, received by the Executive Secretary of I.C.I.T.O. from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, is circulated herewith as being of possible interest to contracting parties. It is being circulated at the same time to all members of the Interim Commission.

"The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization and in conformity with the third paragraph of resolution 298 D (XI), "Barriers to the International Transport of Goods", adopted by the Economic and Social Council, on 12 July 1950, during its Eleventh Session, has the honour to bring the resolution to the notice of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization. The resolution reads as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

'Noting' the statement of the Transport and Communications Commission in its resolution 4A that direct international action with respect to the problem of barriers to the international transport of goods, such as the convening of a conference, cannot be undertaken immediately since the International Trade Organization, within whose competence the matter would primarily fall, has not started to function,

'Urges' the Members of the United Nations and all other interested Governments, bearing in mind all possible interests, to continue consideration of national measures consistent with the principles of the Charter of the International Trade Organization for the simplification of customs and related formalities constituting barriers to the international transport of goods, and

'Requests' the Secretary-General to bring this resolution to the notice of the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization."