There is circulated herewith the text of a notice sent by the Chairman to the contracting parties convening a special session pursuant to Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure.

The special session will of course be governed by the Rules of Procedure of the Contracting Parties (GATT/CP/30) and accordingly:

(a) observers may attend the session in accordance with the terms of Rules 8 and 9.

(b) representatives should be provided with credentials in accordance with Rules 5 to 7. Credentials accrediting representatives to the Fifth Session or to the Torquay Tariff Conference will not be sufficient for this purpose.
Torquay, 28 February 1951.

The Chairman of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade presents his compliments to

and has the honour to request him to forward to his government the following notice convening a special session of the Contracting Parties in accordance with Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure.

A number of contracting parties have requested the Chairman, in exercise of the initiative vested in him under Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure, to convene a special session of the Contracting Parties at an early date in order to receive and act upon a suggestion to establish an inter-sessional working party to consider proposals directed towards the reduction of disparities in European tariffs within the framework of the General Agreement. This inter-sessional working party would start its work in the interval before the Sixth Session of the Contracting Parties and report progress to that Session. The Chairman has decided to accede to this request and is therefore issuing the present notice to convene a special session to meet at Torquay not earlier than 21 March 1951. The exact date of the session will be determined in the near future and will be communicated by the Chairman to the contracting parties together with a detailed note of the suggestions which will be submitted to the session by the delegations concerned.

The Chairman considers that it would also be desirable that the special session should be prepared to deal with any matters that may require action by the Contracting Parties with respect to the Torquay Protocol. The Chairman will give notice of any such questions well in advance of the special session.