The following letter dated 1 August, 1949 has been received by the Chairman of the Contracting Parties from the leader of the Ceylon delegation.

I have the honour to invite your attention to my letter dated 5th May, 1949, by which I informed you that my government had found it necessary to introduce legislation in order to provide assistance of the nature contemplated in Article XVIII of the GATT to certain industries that had been established in Ceylon and that we wished to secure the concurrence of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in terms of paragraphs 6 and 7 of that Article before implementing the provisions of that legislation.

The statement of considerations in support of the adoption of non-discriminatory protective measures annexed to my letter under reference was referred to Working Party 2 for study and recommendation at the 14th meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES held on 19th May, 1949.

The original application was subsequently amended by Ceylon by the withdrawal of certain items and the substitution of others. These amendments were notified to the CONTRACTING PARTIES by GATT/CP.3/54 dated 4th July, 1949. In consequence of the completion by Ceylon of its re-negotiations, it has been found that the items Plywood chests for packing tea and other Ceylon produce (Ex. III U 492), Glassware (Ex. III B 235), Chinaware and Porcelain ware (Ex. III B 231), Leather Goods (III Q 430) and Cotton Textiles (Ex. III I 339) will remain
in the re-negotiated Ceylon Schedule and that the application in so far as it relates to these five items should be made in terms of paragraph 5 and not in terms of paragraphs 6 and 7 of Article XVIII.

I therefore request your permission to amend my original application in respect of these five items and shall be grateful if you will refer this amendment to Working Party 2 for study and recommendation in terms of paragraph 5 of Article XVIII."