The CONTRACTING PARTIES, in adopting the Third Report of Working Party 2 (GATT/CP.3/36) decided that any decision on the application by Ceylon under paragraph 7 of Article XVIII would be made before the end of the Third Session or 7 August 1949 whichever was the earlier.

As it has not been able to complete its examination of the application the Working Party, after consultation with the representative of Ceylon and in agreement with him, now recommends that any such decision may be given at any time up to the end of this Session.

The Working Party took note of the fact that this should involve only a short extension beyond the ninety days referred to in paragraph 10 of Article XVIII.