At the time of the last meetings of the Tariff Negotiations Committee and of the Third Session of the Contracting Parties, at Annecy on 13 August, it was understood that the Protocol(s) of Accession would be opened for signature at Annecy on 10 September. However, as the result of a request of the Government of the United States, to which a majority of the contracting parties and acceding governments have agreed, arrangements are being made for the Protocol(s) to be opened for signature at the Headquarters of the United Nations on 10 October.

The choice between alternative "A", the single Protocol of Terms of Accession with a separate signature page for each acceding government, with alternative "B", the Decision on Terms of Accession with a separate Protocol for each acceding government, has yet to be made but as soon as a decision has been reached, all participating governments will be informed by telegram. The texts of the Protocol and Decision as agreed on 13 August are reproduced in the Annex hereto; minor drafting changes, and changes consequential upon the postponement of the signature date, have been made.

The Protocol(s) will be open for signature by contracting parties up to and including 30 November 1949. Under either of the alternative instruments of accession, a contracting party will be required to sign in respect of each acceding government for which it wishes to record a favourable vote. The Secretary General of the United Nations will inform the acceding governments of each signature. Therefore by December 1st each acceding government will be in a position to know whether it has received the necessary two-thirds votes of the contracting parties to permit its accession to the General Agreement.
Accessing governments may sign the Protocol(s) at Lake Success until 30 April, 1950. Under either alternative, "A" or "B", only one signature is required for an accessing government, i.e., each accessing government will under alternative "A" sign only the signature sheet relating to it, and under alternative "B" the protocol relating to it.

Accession to the General Agreement involves acceptance of the text contained in GATT/CP.2, which incorporates the modifications drawn up at the First and Second Session, as modified by the protocols prepared at the Third Session. Accessing governments are reminded that their signature must be accompanied by "appropriate action accepting any rectification, amendment, or other modification which has been drawn up by the CONTRACTING PARTIES for submission to governments for acceptance but which has not become effective by the date of signature". The amendments, rectifications and modifications which at present fall within this category are the following:

- Protocol 4: The Protocol modifying Part I and article XXIX;
- Protocol 7: The Protocol modifying article XXVI;
- Protocol 8: The Protocol replacing Schedule I (Australia);
- Protocol 9: The Protocol replacing Schedule VI (Ceylon);
- The Third Protocol of Rectifications and
- The First Protocol of Modifications.

The "appropriate action" in respect of Protocols 4 and 7 consists of the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Secretary General of the United Nations, and in respect of the last four protocols, acceptance is by way of simple signature at the Headquarters of the United Nations. Therefore, it is desirable that an accessing government, when arranging for signature of the instrument of accession, should forward to the Secretary General its instruments of acceptance for Protocols 4 and 7 and powers for its representative to sign the other four.
ANNEX

ALTERNATIVE INSTRUMENTS
OF ACCESSION

ALTERNATIVE "A": THE ANNEXY PROTOCOL OF TERMS OF ACCESSION
TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

The Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Kingdom of Belgium, the United States of Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Czechoslovak Republic, the French Republic, India, Lebanon, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Kingdom of Norway, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Syria, the Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, which are the present contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter called "the present contracting parties" and "the General Agreement" respectively), and the Governments of Denmark, The Dominican Republic, Finland, Greece, Republic of Haiti, Republic of Italy, Republic of Liberia, Republic of Nicaragua, Sweden, and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay (hereinafter called "the acceding governments"),

HAVING REGARD to the results of the negotiations directed towards the accession of the acceding governments to the General Agreement,

In accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII of the General Agreement:

HEREBY AGREE upon the terms on which the acceding governments may so accede, which terms are embodied in this Protocol,

AND the present contracting parties DECIDE by decisions of two-thirds majorities, taken in the manner provided in paragraph 11 of this Protocol, upon the accession to the General Agreement of the acceding governments.

1. (a) Subject to the provisions of this Protocol, each of the acceding governments shall, upon the entry into force of this Protocol with respect to it, apply provisionally:
(i) Parts I and III of the General Agreement, and

(ii) Part II of the General Agreement to the fullest extent not inconsistent with its legislation existing on the date of this Protocol.

(b) The obligations incorporated in paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement by reference to Article III thereof and those incorporated in paragraph 2 (b) of Article II by reference to Article VI shall be considered as falling within Part II of the General Agreement for the purpose of this paragraph.

(c) For the purposes of the General Agreement, the Schedules contained in Annex B to this Protocol shall be regarded as Schedules to the General Agreement relating to acceding governments.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement, signature of this Protocol by an acceding government shall not require the elimination of any preferences in respect of import duties or charges which do not exceed the levels provided for in paragraph 4 of Article I of the General Agreement as modified and which are in force exclusively between Uruguay and Paraguay.

2. Upon the entry into force of this Protocol with respect to each acceding government, that government shall become a contracting party as defined in Article XXXII of the General Agreement.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 12, the concessions provided for in the Schedule relating to each present contracting party and contained in Annex A to this Protocol shall not enter into force for that contracting party unless notification of the intention to apply these concessions has first been received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations from that contracting party. Such concessions shall thereafter enter into force for that contracting party either on the date on which this Protocol first enters into force pursuant to paragraph 12 or on the thirtieth day following the day upon which such notification is received by the Secretary-General, whichever is the later. Such notification shall only be effective if received by the Secretary-General not later than April 30, 1950. Upon the entry
into force of such concessions the appropriate Schedule shall be regarded as a Schedule to the General Agreement relating to that contracting party.

4. Any present contracting party which has given the notification referred to in paragraph 3 or any acceding government which has signed this Protocol shall be free at any time to withhold or to withdraw in whole or in part any concession, provided for in the appropriate Schedule contained in Annex A or B to this Protocol, in respect of which such contracting party or government determines that it was initially negotiated with an acceding government which has not signed this Protocol or a present contracting party which has not given such notification; Provided that the present contracting party or acceding government withholding or withdrawing in whole or in part any such concession shall give notice to all other present contracting parties and acceding governments within thirty days after the date of such withholding or withdrawal and, upon request, shall consult with the contracting parties which have a substantial interest in the product concerned; and Provided further that, without prejudice to the provisions of Article XXXV of the General Agreement, any concession so withheld or withdrawn shall be applied from the thirtieth day following the day upon which the acceding government or present contracting party with which it was initially negotiated signs this Protocol or gives the notification referred to in paragraph 3.

5. (a) In each case in which Article II of the General Agreement refers to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of the Schedules annexed to this Protocol shall be the date of this Protocol.

(b) In each case in which paragraph 6 of Article V, sub-paragraph 4 (d) of Article VII and sub-paragraph 3 (c) of Article X of the General Agreement refers to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of each acceding government shall be March 24, 1948.

(c) In the case of the references in paragraph 11 of Article XVIII of the General Agreement to September 1, 1947 and October 19, 1947, the applicable dates in respect of each acceding government shall be May 14, 1949 and July 30, 1949, respectively.
6. The provisions of the General Agreement to be applied by an acceding government shall be those contained in the text annexed to the Final Act of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment as rectified, amended, or otherwise modified on the day on which this Protocol is signed by such acceding government. Signature of this Protocol by an acceding government, to be effective, shall be accompanied by appropriate action accepting any rectification, amendment, or other modification which has been drawn up by the CONTRACTING PARTIES for submission to governments for acceptance but which has not become effective by the date of signature of this Protocol by that acceding government.

7. Any acceding government which has signed this Protocol shall be free to withdraw its provisional application of the General Agreement and such withdrawal shall take effect on the sixtieth day following the day on which written notice of such withdrawal is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

8. (a) Any acceding government which has signed this Protocol and has not given notice of withdrawal under paragraph 7, may, on or after the date on which the General Agreement enters into force pursuant to Article XXVI thereof, accede to that Agreement upon the terms of this Protocol by deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Such accession shall take effect on the day on which the General Agreement enters into force pursuant to Article XXVI, or on the thirtieth day following the day of the deposit of the instrument of accession, whichever shall be the later.

(b) Accession to the General Agreement pursuant to paragraph 8 (a) of this Protocol shall, for the purpose of paragraph 2 of Article XXXII of that Agreement, be regarded as acceptance of the Agreement pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article XXVI thereof.

9. (a) Each acceding government signing this Protocol, or depositing an instrument of accession under paragraph 8 (a), and each present contracting party giving the notification referred to in paragraph 3, does so in respect of its metropolitan territory and of the other territories for which it has international responsibility, except such separate customs territories as it
shall notify to the Secretary-General of the United Nations at
the time of such signature, deposit, or notification under
paragraph 3.

(b) Any acceding government or present contracting party which has
notified the Secretary-General, under the exception in sub-
paragraph (a) of this paragraph, may at any time give notice to
the Secretary-General that such signature, accession, or
notification under paragraph 3 shall be effective in respect
of any separate customs territory or territories so excepted
and such notice shall take effect on the thirtieth day following
the day on which it is received by the Secretary-General.

(c) If any of the customs territories, in respect of which an
accessing government has made the General Agreement effective,
possesses or acquires full autonomy in the conduct of its
external commercial relations and of the other matters provided
for in the General Agreement, such territory shall, upon
sponsorship through a declaration by the responsible accessing
government establishing the above-mentioned fact, be deemed to
be a contracting party.

10. (a) The original text of this Protocol shall be deposited with the
Secretary-General of the United Nations and shall be open for
signature at the Headquarters of the United Nations by present
contracting parties from October 10, 1949 until November 30,
1949 and by accessing governments from October 10, 1949 until
April 30, 1950.

(b) The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall promptly
furnish a certified copy of this Protocol, and a notification
of each signature thereto, of each deposit of an instrument of
accession under paragraph 8 (a), and of each notification or
notice under paragraph 3, 7, 9 (a) or 9 (b), to each Member
of the United Nations and to each other government which
participated in the United Nations Conference on Trade and
Employment.

(c) The Secretary-General is authorized to register this Protocol
in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United
Nations.
11. Upon signature of this Protocol in respect of an acceding government by two-thirds of the present contracting parties, it shall constitute a decision taken under Article XXXIII of the General Agreement agreeing to the accession of that government.

12. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, this Protocol shall, for each acceding government in respect of which it has been signed by November 30, 1949 by two-thirds of the present contracting parties, enter into force -

(a) if it has been signed by that acceding government by November 30, 1949, on January 1, 1950, or

(b) if it has not been signed by that acceding government by November 30, 1949, on the thirtieth day following the day upon which it shall have been signed by such acceding government.

13. The date of this Protocol shall be October 10, 1949.

DONE at Annecy, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic except as otherwise specified with respect to Schedules annexed hereto.

ANNEX A

SCHEDULES OF THE PRESENT CONTRACTING PARTIES
(to be inserted)

ANNEX B

SCHEDULES OF ACCEDING GOVERNMENTS
(to be inserted)
SIGNATURES IN RESPECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK

For ____________) Here will be listed For the Government
                                           of Denmark
                                           the present contracting
                                           parties.

CERTIFICATION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

AUTHENTICATING THE TEXT OF THIS PROTOCOL:

I, L. Dana Wilgress, Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, being duly authorized thereto by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, hereby certify as authentic the text of this Protocol.

________ (date) __________________________
Chairman
WHEREAS Article XXXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the General Agreement") enables a government not a party to the General Agreement to accede to it upon terms to be agreed between such government and the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement, and

HAVING REGARD to the results of the negotiations directed towards the accession of the Governments of Denmark, The Dominican Republic, Finland, Greece, Republic of Haiti, Republic of Italy, Republic of Liberia, Republic of Nicaragua, Sweden and The Oriental Republic of Uruguay, (hereinafter referred to as "the acceding governments") to the General Agreement,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDE, by two-thirds majorities, in the manner provided in paragraph 11 of this Decision, upon the accession to the General Agreement of the acceding governments on the terms set forth in this decision and in the respective protocols for the accession of such governments which are annexed to this Decision, and which shall constitute integral parts hereof.

1. (a) Subject to the provisions of this decision and of the protocol for the accession of a particular acceding government, that acceding government shall, upon the entry into force of such protocol, apply provisionally:
   (i) Parts I and III of the General Agreement, and
   (ii) Part II of the General Agreement to the fullest extent not inconsistent with its legislation existing on the date of this Decision.

(b) The obligations incorporated in paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement by reference to Article III thereof and those incorporated in paragraph 2 (b) of Article II by reference to Article VI shall be considered as falling within Part II of the General Agreement for the purpose of this paragraph.

(c) For the purposes of the General Agreement, the schedules contained in Annex B to this Decision shall be regarded as Schedules to the General Agreement relating to acceding governments.
2. Upon the entry into force of the protocol for the accession of a particular acceding government, that government shall become a contracting party as defined in Article XXXII of the General Agreement.

3. If the schedule relating to a government which is a contracting party to the General Agreement on the date of this Decision (hereinafter referred to as a "present contracting party") has separate divisions for individual acceding governments, the concessions provided for in such schedule shall enter into force as provided for in the respective protocols annexed hereto. The concessions provided for in each other schedule relating to a present contracting party and contained in Annex A to this Decision shall not enter into force for that contracting party unless notification of the intention to apply these concessions has first been received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations from that contracting party. Such concessions shall thereafter enter into force for that contracting party either on the date on which a protocol annexed to this Decision first enters into force or on the thirtieth day following the day upon which such notification is received by the Secretary-General, whichever is the later. Such notification shall only be effective if received by the Secretary-General not later than April 30, 1950.

Upon the entry into force of such concessions, the appropriate schedule shall be regarded as a Schedule to the General Agreement relating to that contracting party.

4. Any present contracting party which has given the notification referred to in paragraph 3 with respect to any schedule which does not contain divisions for separate acceding governments, or any acceding government which has signed the protocol for its accession, shall be free at any time to withhold or withdraw in whole or in part any concessions, provided for in the appropriate schedule contained in Annex A or B to this Decision, in respect of which such contracting party or acceding government determines that it was initially negotiated with an acceding government which has not signed the protocol for its accession or a present contracting party which has not given the notification referred
to in paragraph 3 of this Decision or in paragraph 1 of the relevant protocol of accession; provided that the present contracting party or acceding government withholding or withdrawing in whole or in part any such concession shall give notice to all other present contracting parties and acceding governments within thirty days after the date of such withholding or withdrawal and, upon request, shall consult with the contracting parties which have a substantial interest in the product concerned; and provided further that, without prejudice to the provisions of Article XXXV of the General Agreement, any concession so withheld or withdrawn shall be applied from the thirtieth day following the day upon which the acceding government or present contracting party with which it was initially negotiated signs the protocol for the accession of such government or gives the notification referred to in paragraph 3 of this Decision or in paragraph 1 of the relevant protocol of accession.

5. (a) In each case in which Article II of the General Agreement refers to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of the schedules annexed to this Decision shall be the date of this Decision.

(b) In each case in which paragraph 6 of Article V, sub-paragraph 4 (d) of Article VII and sub-paragraph 3 (c) of Article X of the General Agreement refers to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of each acceding government shall be March 24, 1948.

(c) In the case of the references in paragraph 11 of Article XVIII of the General Agreement to September 1, 1947 and October 10, 1947, the applicable dates in respect of each acceding government shall be May 14, 1949 and July 30, 1949, respectively.

6. The provisions of the General Agreement to be applied by an acceding government shall be those contained in the text annexed to the Final Act of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment as rectified, amended, or otherwise modified on the day on which the protocol for its accession is signed by such government.
Signature of such protocol by an acceding government, to be effective, shall be accompanied by appropriate action accepting any rectification, amendment, or other modification which has been drawn up by the CONTRACTING PARTIES for submission to governments for acceptance but which has not become effective by the date of signature of such protocol by that acceding government.

7. Any acceding government which has signed the protocol for its accession shall be free to withdraw its provisional application of the General Agreement and such withdrawal shall take effect on the sixtieth day following the day on which written notice of such withdrawal is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

8. (a) Any acceding government which has signed the protocol for its accession and has not given notice of withdrawal under Paragraph 7, may, on or after the date on which the General Agreement enters into force pursuant to Article XXVI thereof, accede to that Agreement upon the terms of this Decision by deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Such accession shall take effect on the day on which the General Agreement enters into force pursuant to Article XXVI, or on the thirtieth day following the day of the deposit of the instrument of accession, whichever shall be the later.

(b) Accession to the General Agreement pursuant to paragraph 8 (a) of this Decision shall, for the purposes of paragraph 2 of Article XXXII of that Agreement, be regarded as acceptance of the Agreement pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article XXVI thereof.

9. (a) Each acceding government signing the protocol for its accession, or depositing an instrument of accession under paragraph 8 (a), and each present contracting party giving the notification referred to in paragraph 3 of this Decision or in paragraph 1 of any protocol of accession does so in respect of its metropolitan territory and of the other territories for which it has international responsibility,
except such separate customs territories as it shall notify to the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the time of such signature, deposit, or notification under paragraph 3 or paragraph 1.

(b) Any acceding government or present contracting party which has notified the Secretary-General, under the exception in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, may at any time give notice to the Secretary-General that such signature, accession, or notification under paragraph 3 or paragraph 1 shall be effective in respect of any separate customs territory or territories so excepted and such notice shall take effect on the thirtieth day following the day on which it is received by the Secretary-General.

(c) If any of the customs territories, in respect of which an acceding government has made the General Agreement effective, possesses or acquires full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of the other matters provided for in the General Agreement, such territory shall, upon sponsorship through a declaration by the responsible acceding government establishing the above-mentioned fact, be deemed to be a contracting party.

10. (a) The original text of this Decision and of the protocols annexed hereto shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the protocols shall remain open for signature in accordance with their terms.

(b) The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall promptly furnish certified copies of this Decision and of the protocols annexed hereto, and a notification of each signature to such protocols, of each deposit of an instrument of accession under paragraph 8 (a), and of each notification or notice under paragraph 3, 7, 9 (a), or 9 (b) to each Member of the United Nations and to each other government which participated in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment.

(c) The Secretary-General is authorized to register this Decision and the protocols annexed hereto in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.
11. Upon signature by two-thirds of the present contracting parties of the protocol for the accession of a particular acceding government, this Decision shall constitute a decision taken under Article XXXIII of the General Agreement agreeing to the accession of that government.

12. The original of this Decision shall consist of a single copy, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic except as otherwise specified with respect to schedules annexed hereto. The date of this Decision shall be October 10, 1949.

ANNEX A.
SCHEDULES OF THE PRESENT CONTRACTING PARTIES
( to be inserted )

ANNEX B.
SCHEDULES OF THE ACCEDING GOVERNMENTS
( to be inserted )
SPECIMEN PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF AN ACCEDED GOVERNMENT TO THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

The Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Kingdom of Belgium, the United States of Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Czechoslovak Republic, the French Republic, India, Lebanon, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherland, New Zealand, the Kingdom of Norway, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Syria, the Union of South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, which are the present contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter called "the present contracting parties" and "the General Agreement", respectively), and the Government of Denmark.

HAVING REGARD to the results of the negotiations directed towards the accession of the Government of Denmark to the General Agreement,

HEREBY AGREE to the accession of the Government of Denmark to the General Agreement upon the terms embodied in the Annecy Decision on Terms of Accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Annecy Decision on Accession") and upon the following additional terms:

1. The concessions provided for in the Division for the Government of Denmark of any Schedule relating to a present contracting party with divisions for separate acceding governments and contained in Annex A to the Annecy Decision for Accession shall not enter into force for that contracting party unless notification of the intention to apply these concessions has first been received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations from that contracting party. Such concessions shall thereafter enter into force for that contracting party either on the day on which this Protocol enters into force or on the thirtieth day following the day on which such notification is received by the Secretary-General, whichever is the later. Such notification shall only be effective if received by the Secretary-General not later than April 30, 1950. Upon the entry into force of such concessions, the Division for Denmark of such Schedule shall be regarded as a Schedule to the General Agreement relating to that contracting party. The Secretary-General
of the United Nations shall promptly furnish a notice of each notification under this paragraph to each Member of the United Nations and to each other government which participated in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment.

2. In the Protocol for Uruguay the following paragraph will be inserted after paragraph 1 and the other paragraphs will be renumbered accordingly: "2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article I of the General Agreement, signature of this Protocol by the Government of Uruguay shall not require the elimination of any preferences in respect of import duties or charges which do not exceed the levels provided for in paragraph 4 of Article I of the General Agreement as modified and which are in force exclusively between Uruguay and Paraguay". The original text of this Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the United Nations by present contracting parties from October 10, 1949 until November 30, 1949 and by the Government of Denmark from October 10, 1949 until April 30, 1950.

3. If this Protocol has been signed by November 30, 1949 by two-thirds of the present contracting parties, it shall enter into force -
   (a) on January 1, 1950, if it has been signed by the Government of Denmark by November 30, 1949, or
   (b) on the thirtieth day following the day on which it shall have been signed by the Government of Denmark, if it has not been signed by that Government by November 30, 1949.

4. The date of this Protocol shall be October 10, 1949.

DONE at Annecy, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic.

For ______________ ) Here will be listed the present contracting parties. For the Government of Denmark
CERTIFICATION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AUTHENTICATING THE TEXT OF THIS DECISION:

I, L. Dana Wilgress, Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, being duly authorized thereto by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, hereby certify as authentic the text of this Decision.

( date ) Chairman