The following letter from 8 governments, parties to the negotiations conducted by Ceylon under paragraph 5 of Article XVIII in London, (on which a report has been circulated under the symbol GATT/CP.4/12), has been received by the Chairman of the Contracting Parties and is circulated herewith:

"This joint letter formally communicates to you, as Chairman of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the concurrence of the participating governments in the attached "Report to the Contracting Parties of the Results of Negotiations Conducted by Ceylon with Representatives of the Czechoslovak Republic, Denmark, Finland, India, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America in Connection with the Ceylon Application under Article XVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade".

In communicating this concurrence it is pointed out that:

1. The Ceylon Government assures that there will be no undue delays in bringing into force the compensatory concessions provided for in paragraph 2 (b) of the report. In the event that any one of the affected items referred to in paragraph 2(b) is regulated under the Industrial Products Act before July 31, 1950, it is provided that the compensatory concessions need not be brought into force until that date, but if the regulation takes place after July 31, 1950, it is hoped by the Ceylon Government that the concessions can be brought into force promptly, and in no case is it anticipated that there will be a delay of more than thirty days from the regulation of the affected items.

2. It is intended that the release granted by the Contracting Parties on August 13, 1949, with respect to products specified in paragraph 1 of the report shall be effective for only those products for which domestic availability figures are provided in paragraph 2 (d) of the report.

3. It is intended that the period of five years provided for in paragraph 2 (e) of the report shall be computed from expiration of the thirty-day period referred to in paragraph 1 of the report.

4. Under paragraph 12 of the Sixth Report of Working Party 2 of the Third Session of the Contracting Parties, as approved by the Contracting Parties, the release relative to the products described in paragraph 1 of the attached report is subject to all the conditions set forth in said paragraph 12.
"Finally, the Governments concurring in the report consider that no procedure other than that provided for in the release, as set forth in paragraph 1 of the report, will be required to bring into effect the release or, subject to the conditions provided for therein, the compensatory concessions set forth in paragraph 2 (b) of the report.

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