STATUS OF PROTOCOLS

(Item 6 of the Agenda)

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RESOLUTION INVITING THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO ACCEPT ALL AMENDING PROTOCOLS TO THE GENERAL
AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE WHICH HAVE BEEN
DRAWN UP BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

TAKING NOTE that several of the Protocols modifying the
Articles, Annexes, and Schedules of the General Agreement on
Tariffs and Trade, which have been drawn up at the sessions
of the Contracting Parties and opened for signature or
acceptance by all the contracting parties, and

CONSIDERING that the existence of two versions of certain
articles of the General Agreement, which results in con­
tracting parties being subject to different rights and obliga­
tions, may cause confusion and impair the smooth operation
of the General Agreement, and

CONSIDERING that it is their intention that a term of
the accession of the governments which will participate in
the Torquay tariff negotiations with a view to acceding to
the General Agreement will be the acceptance of all modifica­
tions of the Agreement which have been drawn up by the
Contracting Parties,

RESOLVE that the establishment of a uniform text of the
General Agreement applicable to all contracting parties alike
is highly desirable; and,

HEREBY INVITE those contracting parties which have not
signed or deposited instruments of acceptance for all the
protocols modifying the Agreement to give renewed consideration
to these protocols with a view to their signature or
acceptance prior to the opening of the Torquay tariff negotia­
tions on 28 September 1950.