CONTRACTING PARTIES

FOURTH SESSION

STATUS OF PROTOCOLS

ADDENDUM

Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession

1. ACCESSION

(a) Signature by Contracting Parties

The Protocol was signed by twenty-two contracting parties by the 30th November, 1949. This constituted a decision under Article XXXIII agreeing to the accession of each of the acceding Governments.

Cuba is the only contracting party which did not sign the Protocol. As explained in GATT/TN.1/33 the Government of Haiti was the only acceding government with which Cuba entered into tariff negotiations, and therefore Cuba invoked Article XXXV and announced that the Agreement would not be applicable between Cuba and the other acceding countries.

(b) Signature by Acceding Governments

(i) The Protocol was signed by Haiti on 10 October, 1949. Consequently, the Government of Haiti became a contracting party, with the obligation to apply the Agreement provisionally and to apply Schedule XXVI to the trade of all other contracting parties, as from 1 January, 1950.

(ii) The Protocol was signed by Greece on 7 February, 1950. Consequently, the Government of Greece will become a contracting party with the obligation to apply the agreement provisionally and to apply Schedule XXV to the trade of all other contracting parties, as from 9 March, 1950.

(iii) The Protocol was signed by Liberia on 28 November, 1949. The Government of Liberia will become a contracting party when it accepts the Protocol Modifying Part I and Article XXIX and the Protocol Modifying Article XXVI, as required by paragraph 6 of the
Protocol of Terms of Accession.

(iv) Signature of the Protocol is required by 30 April, 1950, by Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, Italy, Nicaragua, Sweden and Uruguay.

2. APPLICATION OF SCHEDULES BY CONTRACTING PARTIES

(i) Notifications by contracting parties of their intention to apply the concessions provided for in their respective Schedules in Annex A to the Protocol have been deposited by Benelux, Canada, and the United States with effect from 1 January, 1950. The United Kingdom has applied the concessions provided for in Schedule XIX to the Protocol as from 1 January, 1950, although formal notification has not yet been deposited. Also, notification has been received that the concessions provided for in their Schedules will be applied by Czechoslovakia as from 12 February and by Ceylon as from 3 March, 1950. Thus the concessions provided for in the Schedules named are applicable as from the dates specified to the trade of all other contracting parties and they become applicable to acceding governments as and when they become contracting parties.

(ii) Two of the contracting parties named in (i) above, Czechoslovakia and the United States, have taken action under paragraph 4 of the Protocol, and have thus far applied only those concessions provided for in their Schedules in Annex A which were negotiated with the Government of Haiti. It is their intention to apply the other concessions provided for in their Schedule as and when the acceding governments with which the concessions were negotiated become contracting parties.

(iii) Notifications, under paragraph 3 of the Protocol, of intention to apply the concessions provided for in the Annecy Schedules are required by 30 April, 1950, from Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, France, India, Lebanon, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Syria and South Africa.

3. APPLICATION OF GENEVA SCHEDULES

The contracting parties are obliged to apply their respective schedules negotiated in Geneva in 1947 to each acceding government as and when it becomes a contracting party.
Cuban Schedule has presumably been applied to the trade of Haiti, but will not be applied to the trade of the other acceding governments. The Government of Southern Rhodesia has notified the Secretary General of the United Nations that the concessions granted to the original contracting parties have been extended to the acceding governments since 10 October, 1949.