CONSIDERING that Paragraph 10 (a) of the Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that the Protocol would be open for signature by acceding governments only until April 30th, 1950,

CONSIDERING that the Government of Uruguay, owing to unavoidable circumstances, was unable to sign the said Protocol by that date, and

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Uruguayan Government to accede to the General Agreement,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

ACTING pursuant to Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, in view of the special circumstances referred to above,

DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 10 (a) of the Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession, signature of the said Protocol by the Government of Uruguay shall be effective for all purposes of that Protocol if affixed not later than the final date to be established for signature of an instrument of accession by Governments which intend to accede to the Agreement as a result of the negotiations entered into at Torquay, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present Decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to inform the Secretary-General in due course of the final date fixed for signature in accordance with the foregoing paragraph.