Request by the Government of Uruguay for an extension of the date to sign the Annecy and Torquay Protocols

The following telegram has been received from the Government of Uruguay:

"In order facilitate accession now under consideration Uruguayan Government interested in extension of time limit for signature of protocols to April 30, 1952 at the earliest. Reason for request to enable bringing internal customs legislation into accord with provisions Geneva agreement on the basis of Annecy and Torquay negotiations. Will appreciate being informed of result of consideration of request by Contracting Parties as soon as possible."

If the Contracting Parties decide to grant this request they may wish to consider the following draft decision:

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 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 until April 30, 1950 by acceding governments,

CONSIDERING further that by a Decision of November 9, 1950 the Government of Uruguay was granted an extension of the period to sign the Annecy Protocol until the final date for signature of the Torquay Protocol,

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that the Protocol would be open for signature until October 21, 1951 by present contracting parties, acceding governments and Uruguay,

CONSIDERING that the Government of Uruguay, owing to unavoidable circumstances, was unable to sign these Protocols 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 unavoidable circumstances referred to above,

DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 10 of the Annecy Protocol and paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol, signature of the Annecy Protocol or of the Torquay Protocol by Uruguay shall be effective for all purposes of those protocols if affixed not later than 30 April 1952, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present Decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.