The following communication dated September 12 has been received from the Government of the United Kingdom:

"I have the honour to inform you that, for technical reasons connected with the Parliamentary timetable and the legislative procedure by which effect is given to reductions in certain types of duty in the United Kingdom tariff, the United Kingdom Government find it necessary to request the Contracting Parties for an extension of time in which to sign the Torquay Protocol.

"The concessions which the United Kingdom agreed to accord in the Torquay tariff negotiations were brought into operation on 1st September. Certain of the Statutory Instruments in question, however, are subject to a negative resolution procedure under which the House of Commons has the right during a period to pray that they be annulled. This period will not have expired on 20th October, the last day for signing the Torquay Protocol.

"The United Kingdom Government wish, therefore, to request the Contracting Parties to grant to the United Kingdom an extension of time until 31st December, 1951, for signature of the Torquay Protocol. In making this request the United Kingdom Government wish to stress that the extension of time is required for reasons of Parliamentary procedure and that the extension, if granted, will not of itself adversely affect the interests of other contracting parties since, as already indicated, they have been enjoying since 1st September the benefits of the concessions negotiated at Torquay on the United Kingdom tariff.

"I am accordingly to request you to place this matter on the Agenda for the Sixth Session in order that it may be considered in conjunction with the similar requests made by the Governments of Denmark and the Philippine Republic."