GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
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NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REGARDING THE POSITION OF PERU

Peru was included in the list of governments which indicated their intention of adhering to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and entering into tariff negotiations in April. This was done on the basis of a communication dated 14 August from the Minister of Foreign Relations, which stated that Peru was interested in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and would be honoured to initiate negotiations with the present Contracting Parties which would be subject to the agreement of the legislative power as well as to pending negotiations on commercial treaties and to the revision of the present customs tariff.

The Executive Secretary has now received a further communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which makes it clear that the earlier communication was intended to indicate acceptance only of the principle of negotiations and not of the actual timetable proposed. This letter states that the Government of Peru is not able to enter into negotiations in April for the reasons contained in the earlier communication and because the government is presently engaged in a separate negotiation with a certain country which has not yet been concluded.