Passage to be inserted at the end of Paragraph 4 in substitution for Paragraph 5, proposed by the representative of the United States:

It is also recommended that the CONTRACTING PARTIES decide that any contracting party which has not signed the Protocol by November 30, 1949, shall on that date inform the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES whether its failure to sign is to be considered as a negative vote, an abstention or is due to the fact that the contracting party concerned required further time to reach a decision. If the information thus made available discloses that the absence of a two-thirds majority is due to the fact that certain contracting parties consider that there has not been time to reach a decision, the Chairman shall without delay convene a special meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and at such meeting a roll-call vote shall be taken on the decision in respect of each such acceding government.