The following communication dated 1 August 1950 has been received from the Government of France:

"In accordance with the provisions of document GATT/TN.2/10 relating to the multilateral tariff negotiations which will take place at Torquay beginning on 28 September 1950, the contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are to submit, as soon as possible before 1 August 1950, lists of the concessions bound at Geneva and at Annecy which they wish to discontinue after 1 January 1951.

"The Committee, set up by a decree of 19 January 1950, to review the French Customs Tariff has not yet completed its task and it is consequently not possible for the French Government to draw up, by that date, the lists in question. Such lists as well as the corresponding offers of compensation can therefore only be submitted to the contracting parties at the opening of the Torquay negotiations.

"It is pointed out that in view of the negotiations initiated with several governments for the pooling of the production of coal and steel, the French lists will include in particular the bound items covering such products."