NOTIFICATION BY GUATEMALA OF ITS INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TORQUAY TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

The following communication, dated 1 September 1950, has been received from the Guatemalan Minister of Foreign Affairs:

"I have the honour to inform you that, owing to the impossibility of terminating the studies and preparations necessary, the Guatemalan Government regrets that it will be unable to take part in the Torquay negotiations or to adhere to the General Agreement. Guatemala is, however, greatly interested in this important matter and I shall be grateful if you will inform me whether observers may be sent to the Torquay meeting."

The Government of Guatemala has been informed that provision may be made in the rules of procedure of the Tariff Negotiations Committee for the admission of observers to the meetings of that Committee.