Mr. Aziz Ahmad made the following statement, on behalf of the Pakistan Delegation, to the Tariff Negotiations Working Party on 27th October 1950:

"Although the Pakistan Government have no items which they want withdrawn or renegotiated under Article XXVIII at the present moment, and the Secretariat have been informed accordingly by our Delegation, I am instructed by the Pakistan Government to make a reservation under Article XXVIII in respect of such items as may be referred to the Pakistan Tariff Commission, which has been very recently set up in order to investigate the claims of various indigenous industries for protection. The requests for protection from such industries will be the subject of a formal public enquiry, and the Commission, on the basis of this enquiry, will submit its recommendations to the Government. The recommendations of the Commission may take the form of an increase of import duty on certain items, and should some of these recommendations be approved by the Government of Pakistan, it may then become necessary to withdraw or to renegotiate some of the items in the Pakistan Schedule. It may also be mentioned here that as Pakistan came into existence just over three years ago, the Pakistan Schedule has never before been examined in the light of considerations which the Tariff Commission will now give.

"It is not the intention to withhold consent to the rebinding of the Pakistan Schedule but to limit our reservation to those items which are likely to be referred to the Tariff Commission. The Tariff Commission have just started their work, and it is, therefore, not possible, at the moment, to indicate these items. This, however, will be done as soon as possible.

"In these circumstances, and in order to provide for such an eventuality, the Government of Pakistan consider it necessary to reserve their position in respect of amendment of Article XXVIII."

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