Following the dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on 31 December 1963 and the resumption by the Southern Rhodesian Government on 1 January 1964 of its former status as a contracting party to the General Agreement, the Southern Rhodesian Government wishes to inform contracting parties that it has adapted to its own use the former Federal customs and excise legislation and, for its part, is applying on a provisional basis the terms and provisions of the trade agreements concluded by the former Federal Government with the Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Republic of South Africa, the Bechuanaland Protectorate, Swaziland and Basutoland, Canada, Portugal and Japan.

The Southern Rhodesian Government would also inform contracting parties that in so far as trade with Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland is concerned its objective has been to disturb as little as possible the trading arrangements which existed up to 31 December 1963. Attached at Appendix A is a copy of a joint statement issued by the Northern and Southern Rhodesian Governments on 31 December 1963 regarding the interim arrangements relating to trade between the two territories which became effective on 1 January 1964 and which will remain in force until replaced by alternative arrangements. At Appendix B is a copy of the Trade Agreement entered into between the Government of Nyasaland and the Government of Southern Rhodesia on 6 January 1964.

The implementation of these arrangements, in so far as the Government of Southern Rhodesia is concerned, was effected by the addition of a Part IV - in respect of goods grown, produced or manufactured in Nyasaland, and a Part V - in respect of goods grown, produced or manufactured in Northern Rhodesia - to the Customs Tariff. Copies of Part IV and Part V of the customs tariff are attached at Appendix C.

A copy in English of Appendices A, B and C will be issued with a copy of this document to each delegation attending the twenty-first session. In due course the document will be re-issued with appendices in English and French.
In resuming its former status as a contracting party to the GATT, the Southern Rhodesian Government accepts, in respect of the territory of Southern Rhodesia -

(i) the rights and obligations incurred by the former Federal Government under various protocols, declarations and recommendations, including the disinvocation of Article XXXV in respect of Japan;

(ii) that Schedule XVI once again becomes Southern Rhodesia's Schedule in the GATT and that the rights and obligations of the former Federal Government in relation to the concessions negotiated with other contracting parties will be applicable to Southern Rhodesia; and

(iii) the base date provisions of the Decision of 19 November 1960 and the provisions of the further Decision of 19 November 1960 relative to the Customs Treatment for Products of United Kingdom Dependent Territories.

1In December 1963 the Federal Government prepared a consolidated text of Schedule XVI. A copy of this Schedule in English will be issued to each delegation.