TURKISH SCHEDULE - RENEGOTIATIONS

The following communication, dated 30 September 1966, has been received from the delegations of Turkey and Sweden.

Representatives of Turkey and representatives of Sweden have been conducting negotiations under Article XXVIII for the establishment of a consolidated Schedule XXXVII. The two delegations note, on the one hand, that their negotiations have not yet been concluded and, on the other hand, that the decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 22 August 1964, 1 November 1965 and 25 March 1966, under which rates of duty in terms of the Revised Turkish Tariff were placed in effect prior to the completion of procedures provided for in Article XXVIII of the General Agreement expire on 30 September 1966.

Taking account of the desire of Turkey and Sweden to complete their negotiations and the desire of Turkey to give effect to its consolidated Schedule XXXVII as soon as possible, the two delegations agree as follows:

1. The representatives of Sweden agree, subject to continuation of such negotiations, to substitution during the period prior to 1 January 1967, of Turkish concessions in the provisional list of items, that were previously bound to Sweden where tariff rates are unchanged or reduced in the new Turkish Tariff for the concessions in the existing Schedule XXXVII in which Sweden has negotiating rights under Article XXVIII and which Turkey has proposed to modify or withdraw.

2. The representatives of Turkey agree to the continuation of such negotiations and to substitution of the Turkish concessions in the provisional list of items, that were previously bound to Sweden where tariff rates are unchanged or reduced in the new Turkish Tariff for the concessions in the existing Schedule XXXVII which Turkey has proposed to modify or withdraw and in which Sweden has negotiating rights under Article XXVIII.
3. The two delegations agree that the reciprocal rights and obligations of their respective authorities under the General Agreement shall be maintained as though the decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES referred to above had been extended for the period from 30 September 1966 to 1 January 1967. Substitution of the Turkish concessions in the provisional list of items, that were previously bound to Sweden where tariff rates are unchanged or reduced in the new Turkish Tariff for the concessions in the existing Schedule XXXVII does not preclude subsequent Turkish-Swedish agreement with respect to items including those in the existing Schedule XXXVII which are still under discussion.

The two delegations request that copies of this letter be circulated to the contracting parties.