In document L/2975, dated 19 February 1968, a proposal was put forward to provide a new procedure for dealing with rectifications and modifications of schedules to the GATT now that the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX (which included a paragraph to be added to Article XXX) has been abandoned. The proposal contained in that document was not submitted to the Council for consideration at its meeting on 27 March as it appeared that more appropriate procedures could be devised.

Since it is accepted international practice that the authentic text of a treaty may be rectified by the relatively simple procedure of procès-verbal, provided no objection is raised by a contracting State, it is suggested that a procedure for validating such rectifications to the GATT should be established. Accordingly, a proposal for making rectifications is contained in this document. A proposal for dealing with modifications of concessions, resulting from action under various provisions of the GATT, will be put forward later.

It is suggested that when it is found that an error appears in the authentic text of the GATT (including the schedules) or where a rectification of a purely formal character should be made, the Director-General should notify the contracting parties of the proposed rectification and if no objection is raised within a fixed time-limit, he should issue a procès-verbal of rectification. The procès-verbal would be registered in accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter and a certified copy would be transmitted to each contracting party.

The secretariat is preparing for publication, in a Volume IV of the BISD, the up-to-date text of the GATT (including Part IV) and suggests that it would be desirable to incorporate, subject to the approval of contracting parties, a few rectifications as set out in the annex to this document. Therefore, the publication of Volume IV will be delayed until contracting parties have had an opportunity to comment on the proposed procedure or to raise any objections to the proposed rectifications.

This question will appear on the agenda for the meeting of the Council of Representatives on 21 June.
**ANNEX**

**Proposed Rectifications**

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<td><strong>1. Preamble</strong></td>
<td>It was agreed in 1955 that these words should be added. This amendment has been accepted by all but one contracting party; it has not entered into force because it was incorporated in a protocol which required unanimous acceptance, i.e. the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX which has been abandoned.</td>
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<td>Add to the second paragraph the words: &quot;and promoting the progressive development of the economies of all the contracting parties&quot;.</td>
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<td><strong>2. Article I, paragraph 3</strong></td>
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<td>Delete &quot;sub-&quot; and &quot;(a)&quot; from the reference to paragraph 5 of Article XXV.</td>
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<td><strong>3. Articles XVIII, XXIII and XXVI</strong></td>
<td>By their Decision of 23 March 1965 the CONTRACTING PARTIES changed the title of the Head of the secretariat.</td>
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<td>Replace the words &quot;the Executive Secretary&quot; by &quot;the Director-General&quot; in paragraph 12(e) of Article XVIII, in paragraph 2 of Article XXIII, and in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of Article XXVI.</td>
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<td><strong>4. Article XXV, paragraph 5</strong></td>
<td>Sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) and the &quot;(a)&quot; in the first sub-paragraph were deleted by the Protocol amending the Preamble and Parts II and III.</td>
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<td>Delete &quot;sub-&quot; from the last word of the paragraph.</td>
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5. **Annex A**

Replace "part I(h)" by "sub-paragraph (h)" in the third paragraph.

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6. **Annex G**

Replace "Paragraph 3" by "Paragraph 4." in the title.

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7. **Annex H**

Delete the introductory paragraph, Column I and the heading to Column II.

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8. **Annex I**

(i) **ad Article I**

Delete the second paragraph of the Note ad paragraph 1.

(ii) **ad Article II**

Delete the Note ad paragraph 2(a).

(iii) **ad Article XXXVI**

Delete the Note ad paragraph 1.

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**Explanations**

This rectification, which is consequential upon the revision of Article XX in the Protocol amending the Preamble and Parts II and III, was provided for in the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX which has been abandoned.

This rectification should have been provided for when the Protocol modifying Part I and Article XXIX was drawn up in 1948. The rectification was provided for in the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX which has been abandoned.

When this Annex was revised in 1955, Japan was engaged in negotiations for accession. These portions of the text are now redundant.

These notes have been irrelevant since 14 December 1948 when the Protocol modifying Part II and Article XXVI entered into force. Their deletion was provided for in the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX which has been abandoned.

With the amendment of the preamble, as proposed under 1 above, this Note becomes redundant.
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(iii) ad Article XXXVI (cont'd)
Delete the phrase in parentheses in the second paragraph of the Note ad paragraph 8.

(iv) ad Article XXXVII
Delete the phrase in parentheses in the Note ad paragraph 1(a).

Explanations

These phrases are irrelevant now that the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX has been abandoned.

9. French text of Part I

Revise the French-language text of Part I in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol of Rectification to the French Text (15 June 1955).

The Protocol of Rectification to the French Text is only partially in force. Those portions of the Protocol which introduce stylistic and grammatical rectifications to the text of Part I are not in force because of the failure of one contracting party to accept the Protocol.