At the twenty-fifth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted a Decision (L/3131) by which they established a procedure for certifying changes, in the authentic texts of Schedules, which record rectifications of a purely formal character or modifications resulting from action taken under various provisions of the General Agreement. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Decision, there is circulated herewith the text of a draft of the First Certification.

It is proposed that this First Certification should bring formally into force the three Certifications, incorporating rectifications and modifications, which were issued under an earlier decision of 17 November 1959 (8S/25), namely:

Certification of 15 January 1963 (12S/20)

Second Certification of 29 April 1964 (12S/22) and Procès-Verbal of Rectification dated 18 March 1965, and

Third Certification of 5 May 1967 (15S/57) and Procès-Verbal of Rectification dated 14 June 1967.

These three certifications have been approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES (cf. L/1960, L/2215 and L/2790), but their entry into force was dependent upon the entry into force of the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX which has since been abandoned. Certified true copies of these Certifications (photo-offset editions) were sent to the contracting parties.

Further, it is proposed that this First Certification under the Decision of 19 November 1968, should record the rectifications and the modifications which were drawn up and circulated to contracting parties for approval (with a view to their incorporation in a fourth certification under the earlier decision1) as set out in the following documents:

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1 A consolidated Schedule for South Africa was also circulated (see L/2743 and Add.1, L/3044 and Add.1), but as the examination of this Schedule has not been terminated by all contracting parties concerned it will be left for inclusion in the next Certification.
(i) Rectifications to Schedules annexed to the Geneva (1967) Protocol:

Canada L/2825
Czechoslovakia L/3011 and Corr.1
Denmark L/2834
EEC L/2947
Finland L/2863, L/2973 and Corr.1
India L/3053
Israel L/2826
Jamaica L/2859
New Zealand L/2983
Norway L/2866
Peru L/2833
Portugal L/2966 and Add.1
Sweden L/2836
Trinidad and Tobago L/2829
United Kingdom L/2831 and Add.1

(ii) Rectifications to the Schedule annexed to the Protocol for the Accession of Argentina:

Argentina L/2828

(iii) Rectifications to the Schedule annexed to the Protocol for the Accession of Ireland:

Ireland L/2827 and Add.1 and 2

(iv) Consolidation of a Schedule to incorporate modifications resulting from action under Article XXVIII:

Turkey L/2858

(v) Establishment of a new Schedule under Article XXVI:5(c):

Malawi L/2847

Although the contents of the documents listed above under (i) to (v) have been approved, they are being again circulated (two copies to each contracting party) under cover of document Spec(69)65.

Subject to no objection being raised by a contracting party within sixty days, that is, before 12 July 1969, on the ground that the draft does not correctly reflect modifications which have entered into force in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVIII or that the rectifications are not of a purely formal character, the attached draft (to which will be annexed the Schedules circulated in Spec(69)65) will become on that day the First Certification under paragraph 3 of the Decision of 19 November 1968.
FIRST CERTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULES TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted, on 19 November 1968, a Decision on Procedures for Modification and Rectification of Schedules (hereinafter referred to as "the Decision");

WHEREAS the entry into force of the three Certifications relating to rectifications and modifications of Schedules issued under a decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 17 November 1959, was dependent upon the entry into force of the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX of the General Agreement, dated 10 March 1955, which Protocol did not enter into force and has been abandoned by the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

WHEREAS the said three Certifications contained only changes to Schedules, of the kind described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Decision, and consolidated and new Schedules, as provided for in paragraph 5 of the Decision; and provision should now be made for the entry into force of the said three Certifications;

WHEREAS it is desired:

(i) to rectify errors in the authentic texts of certain Schedules annexed to the Geneva (1967) Protocol and of the Schedules annexed to the Protocols for the Accession of Argentina and Ireland;

(ii) to replace the consolidated Schedule of Turkey annexed to the Certification of 15 January 1963 by a Schedule incorporating changes which reflect modifications that have entered into force in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVIII; and

(iii) to establish a Schedule for Malawi, pursuant to its accession to the General Agreement under Article XXVI:5(c); and

WHEREAS the procedure of paragraph 3 of the Decision has been complied with in respect of the changes contained in the three Certifications issued under the decision of 17 November 1959 and of the changes set out in the Annexes hereto;

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED:

(1) that the authentic texts of Schedules to the General Agreement are changed as set out in the following Certifications -

Certification Relating to Rectifications and Modifications of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, dated 15 January 1963,
Second Certification Relating to Rectifications and Modifications of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, dated 29 April 1964, as rectified by Procès-Verbal dated 18 March 1965,

Third Certification Relating to Rectifications and Modifications of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, dated 5 May 1967, as rectified by Procès-Verbal dated 14 June 1967;

(ii) that the authentic texts of Schedules to the General Agreement are changed to reflect the rectifications of a purely formal character as set out in Annex A;

(iii) that Schedule XXXVII - Turkey, in Annex B, is established in conformity with paragraph 5 of the Decision and that, in each case in which Article II of the General Agreement refers to the date of the Agreement, the applicable date in respect of any concession contained in this Schedule shall be the date of the instrument by which the concession was first incorporated in a Schedule XXXVII to the General Agreement; and

(iv) that Schedule LVIII - Malawi, in Annex C, is established in conformity with paragraph 5 of the Decision.

This Certification shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. It shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, who shall promptly furnish a certified true copy to each contracting party to the General Agreement.

Done at Geneva this twelfth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being authentic except as otherwise specified with respect to the Schedules annexed.