The following communication, dated 5 July 1976, has been received from the Permanent Mission of India.

The United Kingdom-India Trade Agreement 1939 came to an end with effect from 1 February 1973. The Government of India have decided to withdraw the preferences extended to the United Kingdom under that Agreement. The withdrawal would be implemented in two stages. In the first stage on 1 July 1976, 75 per cent of the tariff preferences will be withdrawn and the final withdrawal of the remaining preferences would take effect on 1 July 1977. It would be recalled that the preferences extended by the United Kingdom to India under the Agreement are already in the process of being withdrawn in a phased manner on the termination of the Agreement.

I have been directed to inform you about this decision and request you to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The withdrawal of the preferences should be considered as part of the overall contribution of India to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.