ANNECY AND TORQUAY PROTOCOLS

Request by the Government of Uruguay for a Further Extension of the Time Limit for Signature

The time limit fixed for Uruguay to sign the Annecy and Torquay Protocols expires on 30 October. As reported in L/158, the Government of Uruguay has requested a further extension to 31 December 1953 in view of the fact that their House of Representatives, which is to examine the General Agreement, may not meet before November.

If the CONTRACTING PARTIES agree to grant this further extension, the following text may serve to give effect to their decision:

DRAFT DECISION OF OCTOBER 1953 EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1953 FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY TO SIGN THE ANNECY AND TORQUAY PROTOCOLS

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Annecy Protocol provided that the Protocol would be open for signature until 30 April 1950 by acceding governments and that the Decisions of 9 November 1950, 24 October 1951, 7 November 1952 and 15 June 1953 provided for extensions of this time limit until 30 October 1953,

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol provided that the Protocol would be open for signature until 21 October 1951 by Uruguay, and that the Decisions of 24 October 1951, 7 November 1952 and 15 June 1953 provided for extension of this time limit until 30 October 1953,

CONSIDERING that the legislative procedures have not allowed the Uruguayan Government to sign the Protocols by that date, but that a Bill to authorize Uruguay's accession to the General Agreement has been approved by the Uruguayan Senate and is now before the House of Representatives, and

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Uruguayan Government to accede to the General Agreement.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to Article XXXIII of the General Agreement,
DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 10 of the Annecy Protocol and paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol, signature of the Annecy Protocol or of the Torquay Protocol by the Government of Uruguay shall be effective for all purposes of these protocols if affixed not later than 31 December 1953, and shall be deemed, by virtue of paragraph 7(c) of the Torquay Protocol, to constitute an acceptance of the Declaration of 24 October 1953 on the Continued Application of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present Decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.