Joint Notification by the Governments of the
United Kingdom and Southern Rhodesia

The following notification, dated 29 October 1953, has been received by the Executive Secretary from the United Kingdom and Southern Rhodesia Governments:

"In their recent Joint Statement to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/132) the Governments of the United Kingdom and Southern Rhodesia undertook to notify contracting parties of the date from which the Federal Government should be looked to as the responsible authority with regard to matters covered by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Accordingly the United Kingdom and Southern Rhodesia Governments now wish to inform contracting parties that with effect from the 30th October the Federal Government will be the authority within the Federation responsible for the implementation of international obligations affecting the Territories of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, including obligations under the General Agreement."

In accordance with the procedure approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Eighth Session (SR.8/13), the Intersessional Committee will consider, at its next meeting, the changes with respect to the Agreement which are required by the transfer of authority to the Federal Government of the Central African Federation and will report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Ninth Session.