DECLARATION ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF SCHEDULES

Decision of 22 February 1954 Extending the Time Limit for Signature

(Text of Decision approved by postal ballot - reference GATT/AIR/39)

and

Signature by Australia

1. Text of the Decision

CONSIDERING that the Declaration of 24 October 1953 on the Continued Application of Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade remained open for signature until 31 December 1953,

CONSIDERING that the Government of Australia was not able to sign the Declaration by the said date and has requested an extension of time,

CONSIDERING that the Governments of Austria, Germany and Norway, which signed the Declaration ad referendum on 24 October 1953, were not able to obtain the necessary parliamentary authority to confirm their signatures by 31 December 1953, and

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Government of Australia to sign the Declaration and to the Governments of Austria, Germany and Norway to confirm their signatures,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of the third paragraph of the Declaration,

a) signature by the Government of Australia, if affixed not later than 30 April 1954, shall have the same effects as if it had been affixed by 31 December 1953, and

b) the signatures of the Governments of Austria, Germany and Norway, if confirmed not later than 30 April 1954, shall have the same effects as if they had been confirmed by 31 December 1953; and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of this Decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. **Certification by the Executive Secretary**

The Executive Secretary hereby certifies that he has ascertained that each government which on 22 February was party to the Declaration of 24 October 1953 has either expressly accepted this Decision extending the time limit for Australia's signature or has no objection thereto.

3. **Signature by Australia**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has advised that the Declaration was signed by a representative of the Government of Australia on 23 February 1954.