DECLARATION ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF SCHEDULES

Decision of 31 May 1954 extending the Time Limit for Confirmation of Germany's Signature

(Text of Decision approved by postal ballot - reference GATT/AIR/44)

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 Germany, which signed the Declaration ad referendum on 24 October 1953, was not able to obtain the necessary parliamentary authority to confirm its signature by 31 December 1953 and was granted an extension of time until 30 April 1954, by the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 22 February 1954, but was unable to obtain the authority to confirm its signature by that date, and

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Government of Germany to confirm its signature of the Declaration,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of the third paragraph of the Declaration, the signature of the Government of Germany, if confirmed not later than 15 June 1954, shall have the same effects as if it 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.