ACCESSION OF JAPAN

Recommendation by the Intersessional Committee

Addendum

The Intersessional Committee, at its meeting in Geneva on 3 August 1954, asked contracting parties which would wish to participate in tariff negotiations with Japan - if such negotiations should take place - to make every effort to notify the Executive Secretary not later than 15 September 1954. To this date the following countries have indicated that they would be prepared to enter into negotiations with Japan:

Burma
Ceylon
Chile
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Germany
Italy
Norway
Peru
Sweden
United States
Uruguay

In addition, the following countries have indicated provisionally that they may wish to negotiate with Japan:

Austria has indicated its preparedness, but will give a definite reply by 15 October.

Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands reserved their position saying that, as all tariff questions are closely connected, it is difficult to undertake negotiations of this kind unless the problems raised by the plan for the lowering of customs tariffs and by the extension of the assured life of the schedules are previously solved.

And Indonesia has said it is prepared to negotiate on condition that from the Indonesian side no additional concession will be extended to Japan.

Contracting parties are reminded that arrangements for the exchange of lists and trade data are to be made by each country directly with the Government of Japan, but the lists of requests for concessions should be exchanged not later than 31 October 1954. Sixty copies of each list of requests should be sent to the secretariat (see paragraph 10 in the annex to L/225).