TAKING NOTE of the joint Declarations by the Governments of the United Kingdom and Southern Rhodesia of 22 September and 6 November 1953, which informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland had acquired full responsibility for matters covered by the General Agreement in the territories of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and

CONSIDERING that, by the said Declarations, the Government of the United Kingdom has established the fact that the Federation is qualified, in the sense of paragraph 4(c) of Article XXVI of the Agreement, to become a contracting party in respect of the territories of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, on behalf of which the Government of the United Kingdom had accepted the Agreement, and

CONSIDERING further that, by the said Declarations, the Government of Southern Rhodesia has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the Federal Government has succeeded to the rights and obligations under the Agreement formerly accepted by Southern Rhodesia,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECLARE:

1. that the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland shall henceforth be deemed to be a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and to have acquired the rights and obligations under the General Agreement of the Government of Southern Rhodesia and of the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of the territories of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and

2. that the election of the Government of Southern Rhodesia under Article XIV:1(d) on 31 December 1948 to be governed by the provisions of Annex J shall be deemed to apply to the Federal Government of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.