CUSTOMS UNION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Decision of 17 November 1954

CONSIDERING THAT, on 18 May 1949, they declared that the Governments of the Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia were entitled to claim the benefits of the provisions of Article XXIV of the General Agreement relating to the formation of customs unions,

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT, in the preamble of the Declaration of 18 May 1949, they took note of the undertaking of the two Governments to submit to them not later than 1 July 1954 a definite plan and schedule for the completion of a customs union between their customs territories;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the exceptional circumstances which prevented the Governments of the Union of South Africa and of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland - which succeeded to the rights and obligations of Southern Rhodesia under the Agreement - from submitting a definite plan and schedule within the time-limit laid down in the Declaration of 18 May 1949,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE:

1. To authorize the Governments of the Union of South Africa and of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland to continue to avail themselves of the Declaration of 18 May 1949 until the Tenth Session, and

2. To review the situation at that Session in the light of the specific proposals which those Governments intend to submit by that time.