PARTICIPATION OF JAPAN IN THE SESSIONS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

and

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CONTRACTING PARTIES AND JAPAN

Note by the Executive Secretary

The Decision of 23 October 1953 on the participation of Japan in the Sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and also the Declaration of 24 October 1953 by which the commercial relations between certain contracting parties and Japan are governed by the provisions of the General Agreement will expire on 30 June 1955 unless arrangements are made to extend their validity. Therefore, before the end of the Ninth Session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES may wish to adopt a new decision on Japan's participation in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and the signatories of the Declaration may wish to agree to extend the Declaration's validity. A draft decision and a draft declaration for these purposes are attached.

DRAFT DECISION ON THE PARTICIPATION OF JAPAN IN THE SESSIONS

OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

CONSIDERING that the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 23 October 1953 providing for the participation of Japan in the Sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES will cease to have effect on 30 June 1955 unless the CONTRACTING PARTIES agree to extend it to a later date and,

CONSIDERING that the tariff negotiations for the accession of Japan in accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII, which are to commence on 21 February 1955, may not have resulted in the accession of Japan by 30 June 1955,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that the aforementioned Decision shall continue in effect until the accession of Japan in accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII.
DRAFT DECLARATION ON COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CERTAIN CONTRACTING PARTIES AND JAPAN

The Governments, parties to the Declaration of 24 October 1953 on commercial relations between certain contracting parties to the General Agreement and Japan, acting under paragraph 1(c) of that Declaration, agree to extend the validity of the Declaration until 31 December 1955 unless before that date the Declaration has ceased to have effect by reason of Japan's accession to the General Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII.

In witness whereof the representatives of the aforesaid Governments have affixed their signatures hereto.