1. According to information received by the secretariat, the following contracting parties intend to participate in the tariff negotiations with the Government of Japan:

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

2. According to the arrangements made by the Intersessional Committee, Japan and the participating contracting parties were to exchange lists of requests not later than 31 October 1954. The secretariat has received copies of the lists submitted to the Government of Japan by the following contracting parties:

- Chile
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
- Germany
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Norway
- Peru
- Sweden
- United States

and by the Government of Japan to the following contracting parties:

- Chile
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
- Germany
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Norway
- Peru
- Sweden
- United States

Copies of these lists have been distributed among the participating governments. Extra copies are available in the secretariat offices to delegations of the contracting parties listed in paragraph 1.

3. It is proposed that Item 6 - Accession of Japan - be included in the agenda for a meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on or before 21 February to appoint a tariff negotiations committee, composed of the participating governments, to be responsible for the overall administration of the negotiations and for dealing with their multilateral aspects.
4. The tariff negotiations committee might be authorized:

(i) to establish the date on which the rates of duty in force will provide the basis for negotiations (see paragraph 5 of Annex to L/225); and

(ii) to instruct the Executive Secretary to arrange, at the end of the negotiations, for the completion and circulation of the protocol of accession and the decision on accession in accordance with the established procedures (see paragraph 6, p.111, Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Vol. I).

5. On the first day of the negotiations, i.e. 21 February, or as early as possible thereafter, Japan and each participating contracting party should be ready to make known the concessions they are prepared to offer in response to the requests received. When lists of offers have been exchanged by Japan and a participating contracting party, the two governments concerned will be considered to have entered into negotiations, which will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the Annex to L/225.