DECLARATION OF 10 MARCH 1955 ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION
OF SCHEDULES TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

Addendum

Communications from the Governments of
Brazil and the Federal Republic of Germany

1. The following communication was received on 1 July 1955 by the Executive Secretary from the Leader of the Brazilian Permanent Delegation:

"I have been instructed by my Government to make the following communication regarding the signature of the various instruments connected with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade:

"The Brazilian Government has the intention to sign before the expiration of the time-limit the Protocols of amendment to the General Agreement and has sent a message to this effect to the legislative authorities, thus confirming the intention to continue its collaboration with the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

"The Brazilian Government takes this opportunity to inform you that it will not be in a position to sign the Declaration on the Continued Application of Schedules to the General Agreement before 31 December 1957, this being consistent with the attitude already taken on 31 December 1953. However, the Brazilian Government will continue to grant the same treatment to contracting parties while expediting the reform of its customs tariff in order to remedy the lack of sufficient tariff protection.

"As soon as the new customs tariff is completed it will be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for such action as may be required by the provisions of the General Agreement."

2. The following communication was received on 2 July 1955 by the Executive Secretary from the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany:

"I have the honour to inform you that my Government is not yet in a position to sign definitively the Declaration on the Continued Application of Schedules to the General Agreement which I signed ad referendum on 10 March 1955.

"The obligations contained in this Declaration cannot be undertaken without the express approval of the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany."
"A bill concerning approval of the Declaration has been submitted to Parliament by the Federal Government, but the law has not yet been approved.

"It is, however, understood that the ad referendum signature involves the obligation by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to comply with the terms of the aforesaid Declaration, subject to reciprocity, pending a decision by the German Parliament on this instrument.

"I should be grateful if you would kindly inform the contracting parties of the contents of this communication."