Since the Advance Agenda was issued on 21 July, the Executive Secretary has received from the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland the new Federal Customs Tariff which entered into force on 1 July 1955, and the new trade Agreements concluded by the Federal Government with the Governments of the Union of South Africa and Australia which entered into force on that same day. Copies of the Tariff and of the Agreements have been distributed to contracting parties (L/381 and Add.1 and L/394).

The trade Agreement between the Federation and the Union of South Africa will be considered in connection with the agenda item entitled "South Africa - Southern Rhodesia Customs Union". In addition, the CONTRACTING PARTIES will presumably wish to consider any points arising out of the new Federal Tariff, as a whole, and out of the Agreement with Australia. Accordingly, the other item, which appears in the Advance Agenda entitled "Schedule of Rhodesia and Nyasaland", should be enlarged as follows:

CUSTOMS TARIFF OF THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

(a) Replacement of Schedule XVI (L/293, SR.9/2 and 22 and L/376).

(b) Consideration of the new tariff in relation to the provisions of Article XXIV, including:

   (i) the general level of most-favoured-nation duties,
   (ii) the changes in preference margins, and
   (iii) the trade Agreement with Australia (L/394).