The following is the text of the Decision on the accession of Japan taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES by postal ballot on 11 August 1955. In accordance with paragraph 10 of the Protocol of Terms of Accession of Japan to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Japan will become a contracting party on 10 September 1955.

Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 11 August 1955 agreeing to the accession of Japan to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

HAVING REGARD to the results of the negotiations directed toward the accession of Japan to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

DECIDE, in accordance with Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, as follows:

1. The CONTRACTING PARTIES agree to the accession of the Government of Japan to the General Agreement on the terms which are provided for in the Protocol of Terms of Accession of Japan to the General Agreement.

2. Votes by contracting parties on this Decision must be received by the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at Geneva not later than 11 August 1955.

3. This Decision shall constitute a decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES taken on 11 August 1955, provided that by that date favourable votes thereon shall have been received from two-thirds of the governments which are at that time contracting parties.