SIXTH PROTOCOL OF SUPPLEMENTARY CONCESSIONS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY REGARDING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF CONCESSIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary has received on 27 July the following communication from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

"I have the honour to inform you that, owing to other urgent matters, it has unfortunately not been possible for the legislative bodies of the Federal Republic of Germany to adopt the Sixth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade before the parliamentary recess. Notwithstanding this, the Federal Government has put into effect as from 1 July 1956 the supplementary concessions contained in Schedule XXXIII to the Sixth Protocol by reducing customs charges as part of its measures to stabilize the economic trend (58th Ordinance concerning amendments to the Customs Rates), with the exception of the concessions for commodities of the Common Market of the Coal Steel Community, and the concessions which have been granted by the Federal Republic of Germany towards Denmark, Norway and Sweden which are listed in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and of the following items in the case of which the autonomously reduced customs rates do not go quite as far as the GATT concessions agreed upon: these items are ex 3906, ex 5111 and item number 7312 B ex 2. There has been no reduction in the case of item 2402 E.

"Of the customs concessions for Common Market commodities the ones which go beyond the customs rates applied autonomously at present, will come into force on 15 July 1956 pursuant to the 10th Ordinance concerning Amendments to the Customs Rates in Implementation of the Common Market of the Coal and Steel Community.

"Concessions contained in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Protocol will probably become effective during the month of August this year. Special arrangements will be made for "Loden" falling under item number ex 5111.

"The remaining concessions will come into force as soon as the Bundestag has adopted the draft law to give effect to the Sixth Protocol. It is expected that this will take place in autumn of this year."