STATUS OF AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS

Report by the Executive Secretary

Revision

The following is the status, as of 13 November 1956, of the various instruments which have been drawn up by the CONTRACTING PARTIES and concerning which some action is still required by one or more governments:

(a) Definitive application of the Agreement

With the acceptance by Burma on 13 November 1956 the resolution of 7 March 1955 (expressing agreement to the attaching of a reservation on acceptance of the General Agreement pursuant to Article XXVI) has been accepted by all contracting parties.

(b) Protocols of amendment

Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX

Twenty-three governments have signed this protocol, which has to be accepted by all contracting parties before it can enter into force, but Austria, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands have not confirmed their signatures as fully binding. It has not been signed by Brazil, Ceylon, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

Protocol amending the Preamble and Parts II and III

Twenty-three governments have signed this protocol, which must be accepted by two-thirds of the contracting parties (i.e. twenty-four) before it can enter into force, but Austria, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands have not confirmed their signatures as fully binding. It has not been signed by Brazil, Ceylon, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

Note: More detailed information on the status of multilateral protocols deposited with the Executive Secretary is contained in the quarterly statements issued by the secretariat (document PROT/1).
Protocol of Organizational Amendments

Nineteen governments have signed this protocol, but Austria, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxemburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands have not confirmed their signatures as fully binding. Part I of the protocol must be accepted by two-thirds of the contracting parties (i.e. twenty-four) and Part II of the protocol by all contracting parties before the relevant provisions can enter into force. It has not been signed by Brazil, Canada, Ceylon, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

Protocol of Rectification to the French Text

Thirty-one governments have signed this protocol, but Austria, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany and Luxemburg have not confirmed their signatures as fully binding. The rectifications to Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX cannot enter into force until the protocol has been accepted by all contracting parties, whereas the rectifications to the other articles have entered into force on 24 October 1956 when the protocol was accepted by two-thirds of the contracting parties. It has not been signed by Brazil, Peru, Turkey and Uruguay.

The closing date for signature of the above four protocols was 25 October 1956, and was then extended by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the end of the Eleventh Session. Several governments have indicated that they wish to request an extension of this latter date; a decision regarding such extension will have to be taken therefore by the CONTRACTING PARTIES before the close of the Eleventh Session.

Procès-Verbal of Signature concerning the Protocol of Organizational Amendments

Fifteen governments are parties to this procès-verbal. In addition it has been signed by Austria and Belgium "subject to ratification of the Protocol of Amendment", by Chile "ad referendum", and by the Kingdom of the Netherlands "subject to ratification". It has not been signed by Brazil, Canada, Ceylon, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

Procès-Verbal of Rectification concerning the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX, the Protocol amending the Preamble and Parts II and III, and the Protocol of Organizational Amendments

Eighteen governments are parties to this procès-verbal. In addition it has been signed by Austria, Belgium and the
Federal Republic of Germany "subject to ratification of the
Protocols of Amendment". It has not been signed by Brazil, Ceylon,
Chile, Cuba, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Indonesia,
Italy, Japan, Peru, Sweden, Turkey and Uruguay.

(c) Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation

Seven governments are parties to this Agreement: Burma, Greece,
Haiti, India, Nicaragua, Pakistan and the United Kingdom. In
addition, Austria, Belgium, Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany,
Luxemburg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Federation of
Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Turkey and the United States have signed
but have not confirmed their signatures as fully binding.

(d) Protocols of Rectifications and Modifications

Second Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (8 November 1952)

This protocol has been signed by all contracting parties except
Chile.

Third Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (24 October 1953)

This protocol has been signed by all contracting parties except
Chile.

Fourth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (7 March 1955)

Thirty-four governments have signed this protocol, but Chile and
Turkey have not confirmed their signatures as fully binding. It
has not been signed by Austria.

Fifth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications (3 December 1955)

Twenty-seven governments have signed this protocol. It has not
been signed by Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, the Dominican
Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany and Uruguay.

These protocols must be accepted by all contracting parties before
they can enter into force.

(e) Protocol of Terms of Accession of Japan

The protocol has been signed by all the negotiating contracting
parties and Turkey, although Chile, the Federal Republic of Germany,
Italy and Nicaragua have not confirmed their signatures as fully
binding. Thirteen negotiating contracting parties have given
notification of their intention to apply the tariff concessions
contained in their schedules annexed to the protocol, but no such
notification has been received from Chile, the Federal Republic
of Germany, Nicaragua and Uruguay.
(f) Sixth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions

Twenty-two governments have signed this protocol. Eleven governments have given notification of their intention to apply the tariff concessions contained in their schedules annexed to the protocol, but no such notification has been received from Austria, Chile, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

(g) Declaration on the Continued Application of Schedules

Thirty governments are parties to this declaration. In addition Chile has signed the declaration, but has not confirmed its signature as being fully binding; however, the Government of Chile has advised that, subject to reciprocity, it does not intend to resort to the provisions of Article XXVIII.

The declaration has not been signed by Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Italy and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The Governments of Brazil, the Dominican Republic and Italy, for constitutional or other reasons, have been unable to sign the declaration, but they have undertaken to observe its provisions until such time as they are in a position to accept the obligations contained therein (see documents L/365 and Add.1-3). The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland has stated that, in view of the introduction of its new tariff and of future negotiations, little purpose would be served by its signature of the declaration at this time (see document L/376).