Resolutions adopted by the Contracting Parties on 16 November 1956:

Resolution of 16 November 1956 on the Entry into Force of the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX and the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III of the General Agreement

Whereas the Contracting Parties resolved on 24 October 1953, in fulfilment of paragraph 3 of Article XXIX, (a) to review the operation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade upon the basis of the experience gained since it has been in provisional operation, and (b) in the light of this review, to examine to what extent it would be desirable to amend or supplement the existing provisions of the Agreement in order that it might contribute more effectively to early progress towards the attainment of its objectives;

Whereas the review of the operation of the General Agreement was carried out at the Ninth Session of the Contracting Parties and two Protocols, viz. the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX and the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III, were drawn up to amend and supplement the existing provisions of the Agreement;

Whereas the said Protocols have not yet been signed by a sufficient number of Contracting Parties for them to enter into force;

Considering that the delay in the entry into force of the said Protocols places in jeopardy the results of the review of the operation of the Agreement carried out by the Contracting Parties at their Ninth Session and frustrates the desire of Contracting Parties to achieve more rapid progress towards the attainment of the objectives of the General Agreement;

The Contracting Parties

Urge those Contracting Parties which have not yet signed the said Protocols to make every effort to do so in the near future,

Decide to extend the closing date for signature of the said Protocols until two weeks after the opening of their Twelfth Session, and

Instruct the Executive Secretary to bring this Resolution to the notice of the Contracting Parties.
RESOLUTION OF 16 NOVEMBER 1956 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR TRADE COOPERATION AND ON THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE PROTOCOL OF ORGANIZATIONAL AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES during their review of the operation of the General Agreement at their Ninth Session examined what modifications should be made in the arrangements for its administration and decided to establish an Organization for Trade Cooperation to administer and generally to facilitate the operation of the General Agreement and to undertake other functions in the field of international trade;

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in order to achieve these purposes, drew up the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation and the Protocol of Organizational Amendments to the General Agreement;

WHEREAS the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation and the Protocol of Organizational Amendments have not yet been signed by a sufficient number of contracting parties for them to enter into force;

CONSIDERING that the delay in the establishment of the Organization for Trade Cooperation and in the entry into force of the Protocol of Organizational Amendments places in jeopardy the results of the review of the operation of the General Agreement carried out by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Ninth Session and frustrates the desire of contracting parties to modify the arrangements for the administration of the General Agreement;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

URGE those contracting parties which have not yet signed the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation and the Protocol of Organizational Amendments to make every effort to do so in the near future,

DECIDE to extend the closing date for signature of the Protocol of Organizational Amendments until two weeks after the opening of their Twelfth Session,

DECIDE to review the situation again at the Twelfth Session if by that time the said instruments have not entered into force, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to bring this Resolution to the notice of the contracting parties.