The following communication has been received from the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland:

"I have the honour to forward herewith, for the information of contracting parties, copies* of:

(a) Federal Government Notice No. 56 of 8 March 1957, containing an exchange of notes constituting an amendment to the Trade Agreement of 30 June 1955, between Australia and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland; and

(b) Federal Government Notice No. 61 of 8 March 1957, containing an exchange of notes constituting an amendment to the Trade Agreement of 28 June 1955, between the Union of South Africa and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

"The two Agreements have been amended to the extent made necessary by my Government's extension, with effect from 8 March 1957, of a uniform tariff to the whole of the area of the Federation, in pursuance of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' decision of 3 December 1955, and the related Resolution of 13 November 1956. The two Agreements are now of uniform application throughout the Federation.

"At the same time, the opportunity has been taken of making certain other minor and almost entirely procedural amendments to the Agreements.

"In the case of Australia, the schedule of concessions granted by the Federation has been corrected to take account of certain changes in the Federal Customs Tariff nomenclature and classifications since the conclusion of the Agreement; no change has been made in the extent of the original concessions.

* One copy of each of these two documents (English only) is being sent to each contracting party. The relevant agreements of 1955 were distributed with L/381 and Add.1 (South Africa) and L/394 (Australia).
"In the Agreement between the Federation and the Union of South Africa the further changes are:

(i) a purely technical amendment to Article 14;

(ii) with a view to obviating any misinterpretation the terms 'ex 335 metallic ores, concentrates, slimes and slags n.e.e.' in the schedule of Federal products in respect of which the Union of South Africa accords duty-free entry, has been amended to read 'ex 335 metallic ores, concentrates, slimes and slags, drosses and scale';

(iii) the addition of the words '(excluding laminated plastic sheets)' in Part V of Annex C of the Agreement to tariff items 273(3) 'Pulpboard, building, including hardboard and all similar building boards' is necessitated by a change in the customs classifications and does not alter the treatment accorded to these products under the Agreement."