ADMISSION OF GHANA AND THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA
AS CONTRACTING PARTIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXVI:4(c)

(Note by the Executive Secretary)

As announced in L/691 the Government of the United Kingdom proposes to make a declaration to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Twelfth Session sponsoring the admission of Ghana and the Federation of Malaya as contracting parties to the General Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVI:4(c). Upon such sponsorship the Government of Ghana and the Federal Government of Malaya will be deemed to be contracting parties and will henceforth enjoy the same benefits and will assume the same obligations as the Government of the United Kingdom has hitherto enjoyed and assumed on behalf of the territories which now comprise Ghana and the Federation of Malaya. Draft declarations for approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES are given below.

The admission of Ghana and Malaya as contracting parties means that these Governments are accepting the General Agreement as amended by the various protocols and other instruments in force for the United Kingdom at that time and that they are also accepting the protocols and other instruments, including the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation, although not yet in force, which on the date of admission have been signed by the Government of the United Kingdom. The two Governments will be required to notify accordingly the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary, who exercise depository functions in connexion with some of these instruments.

This action also means that the Governments of Ghana and the Federation of Malaya, unless they decide otherwise, will be having recourse to the provisions of Article XXXV:1 in relation to their trade with Japan. Further, unless they decide otherwise, they will be governed by Annex J.

In the case of Malaya, concessions have been negotiated on its behalf by the United Kingdom and are contained in Section D of Schedule XIX annexed to the General Agreement. When Malaya becomes a contracting party Section D of Schedule XIX will become a separate schedule for Malaya.
ADMISSION OF GHANA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Declaration of October 1957

Draft

Taking note of the declaration by the Government of the United Kingdom of October 1957, which informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the Government of Ghana had acquired full responsibility for matters covered by the General Agreement in its territory, and

Considering that, by the said declaration, the Government of the United Kingdom has established the fact that the Government of Ghana is qualified, in the sense of paragraph 4(c) of Article XXVI of the Agreement, to become a contracting party in respect of the territory on behalf of which the Government of the United Kingdom had accepted the Agreement.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Declare:

1. that the Government of Ghana shall hence forth be deemed to be a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and to have acquired the rights and obligations under the General Agreement of the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of its territory, and

2. that the election of the Government of the United Kingdom under Article XIV:1(d) on 31 December 1948 to be governed by Annex J shall be deemed to apply to the Government of Ghana.

ADMISSION OF THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

Declaration of October 1957

Draft

Taking note of the declaration by the Government of the United Kingdom of October 1957, which informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the Government of the Federation of Malaya had acquired full responsibility for matters covered by the General Agreement in its territory, and

Considering that, by the said declaration, the Government of the United Kingdom has established the fact that the Government of the Federation of Malaya is qualified, in the sense of paragraph 4(c) of Article XXVI of the Agreement, to become a contracting party in respect of the territory on behalf of which the Government of the United Kingdom had accepted the Agreement,
Considering that the concessions relating to the Federation of Malaya are those contained in Section D of Schedule XIX annexed to the General Agreement,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Declare:

1. that the Government of the Federation of Malaya shall henceforth be deemed to be a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and to have acquired the rights and obligations under the General Agreement of the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of its territory, and

2. that the election of the Government of the United Kingdom under Article XIV:1(d) on 31 December 1948 to be governed by Annex J shall be deemed to apply to the Government of the Federation of Malaya, and

3. that Section D of Schedule XIX shall, by virtue of the Government of the Federation of Malaya becoming a contracting party, become a separate schedule relating to the Federation of Malaya as will be set forth under the heading Schedule XXXIX in the Seventh Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications, and

4. that pending the entry into force of the said Seventh Protocol, Schedule XXXIX, as will be set forth therein, shall be treated for all practical purposes as the schedule relating to Malaya.