Modification of Concessions under the Procedures of Article XIX

1. It was reported in L/14 that the President of the United States, under the provisions of Article XIX:1 (a), had issued a Proclamation effective on 29 August 1952 modifying the concessions on dried figs which had been negotiated with Greece at Annecy and with Turkey at Torquay.

2. By the Decision of 29 October 1952 of the Seventh Session the Government of Turkey was given an extension of 90 days of the period provided in Article XIX:3 (a) to notify any proposed suspension of equivalent obligations or concessions to compensate for the increase in the United States duty on dried figs; and in the Decision of 8 November the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided not to disapprove the action proposed by the Government of Turkey in modifying certain concessions which had been negotiated with the United States at Torquay on office furniture, office machines and refrigerators.

3. The Government of Turkey has now advised that it has decided to apply to the trade of the United States, during the period that the United States maintains the increased duty on dried figs, the rates of duty set out in the Decision of 8 November 1952 (L/57 and G/39). This suspension will become effective on 23 February 1953.