GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

TORQUAY PROTOCOL

Extension of Time-Limits for Signature

In accordance with Decisions taken by postal ballots (GATT/ÂIR/31 & 32), the time limits for signature of the Torquay Protocol have been extended - for Brazil to 28 February 1953, and for Nicaragua to 30 June 1953. These Decisions, reproduced below, were approved, for Brazil, by 29 votes in favour and none against and, for Nicaragua, by 28 in favour and none against.

The Torquay Protocol was signed by the Government of Brazil on 19 February. Accordingly Schedule III annexed to the Protocol will enter into force on 21 March 1953.

DECISION OF 14 FEBRUARY 1953 GRANTING A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE TIME-LIMIT FOR SIGNATURE OF THE TORQUAY PROTOCOL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provided that the Protocol would be open for signature by present contracting parties and acceding governments until 21 October 1951 and that this time-limit was extended until 31 December 1952.

CONSIDERING that the Government of Brazil was only empowered to sign the Protocol a few days after the expiration of the above time-limit,

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Government of Brazil to sign the Protocol,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that, notwithstanding paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol, signature of the Protocol shall be deemed to be effective for all purposes of that Protocol, if affixed by the Government of Brazil not later than 26 February 1953, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present Decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
DECISION OF 20 FEBRUARY 1953 GRANTING A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE TIME-LIMIT FOR SIGNATURE OF THE TORQUAY PROTOCOL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provided that the Protocol would be open for signature by present contracting parties and acceding governments until 21 October 1951 and that this time-limit was extended until 31 December 1952,

CONSIDERING that the Government of Nicaragua was unable to sign the Protocol before the expiration of the above time-limit but has asked for an extension of time in order to give further consideration to the question of signature,

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Government of Nicaragua to sign the Protocol,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that, notwithstanding paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol, signature of the Protocol shall be deemed to be effective for all purposes of that Protocol, if affixed by the Government of Nicaragua not later than 30 June 1953, and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present Decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.