The Austrian Government has transmitted to the Executive Secretary for the information of contracting parties the following memorandum setting forth the procedures it proposes to follow for the replacement of its existing schedules by new schedules adapted to the Brussels Nomenclature 1955:

"The new Austrian customs tariff the nomenclature of which is based on the Brussels Nomenclature 1955 was approved by the Austrian Parliament on 12 March 1958. It will enter into force on 1 September 1958, in accordance with the Austrian customs tariff law 1958.

The Austrian Government suggests the following procedure in order that the tariff concessions negotiated under the General Agreement may become effective together with the general customs tariff:

1. The tariff concessions agreed upon at Torquay in 1951 insofar as they have not been withdrawn or modified will be transposed into the nomenclature of the new customs tariff. The specific rates will be changed at a conversion rate of 1 gold crown = 7 Austrian Schillings in accordance with the relevant decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/371 and Add.1).

2. The same procedure will be followed in respect of the concessions included in the Second Protocol of Supplementary Concessions (Austria - Germany 1952).

3. The Austrian concessions included in the Sixth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions (1956) which were negotiated and agreed on the basis of the draft new Austrian tariff will be maintained in Schedule XXXII - Austria. These concessions had been granted on the basis of the draft new Austrian customs tariff which followed the Brussels Nomenclature 1950. As this nomenclature has been modified by the Brussels Nomenclature Committee in 1955, the Austrian draft consequently had to be adapted to the Brussels Nomenclature 1955. Therefore, a certain number of rectifications become necessary and will be brought to the attention of the contracting parties."
4. The tariff concessions granted by Austria in the Seventh Protocol of Supplementary Concessions (Austria-Germany 1957) on the basis of the draft new tariff already adapted to the Brussels Nomenclature 1955 will be put into force on 1 September 1958 without any changes.

"Austria will transpose the tariff concessions negotiated on the basis of the old customs tariff at the Torquay Conference (1951) and in the Second Protocol of Supplementary Concessions (Austria-Germany 1952) into the nomenclature of the new customs tariff and submit appropriate lists of these transposed concessions to the contracting parties as soon as possible and at any event before the new customs tariff enters into force. At the same time the Austrian Government will submit a list of the relatively few changes of nomenclature which are to be made in the Austrian Schedule annexed to the Sixth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions 1956. Any modifications arising out of the results of negotiations under Article XCVIII since 1955 will be taken into account.

"The Austrian Government is prepared to enter into consultations with any interested contracting party concerning all questions which may arise in connexion with the transposition proposed, without prejudice to the entry into force of the new customs tariff on 1 September 1958, provided that any claims are lodged with the Austrian Government within a reasonable period of time, e.g. 60 days after the date on which the above mentioned lists are distributed by the GATT secretariat to contracting parties."