The following announcement has been transmitted by the Government of the Union of South Africa for the information of the contracting parties:

"The honourable Minister van Rhijn announces that with a few minor amendments the present policy regarding Import Control is being continued, and that a second round issue of 10 per cent for consumer goods under quota will be made on application.

"As in the past the possibility of a further issue will be considered during the second half of the year.

"It would appear that importers are experiencing difficulties in complying with the conditions governing applications for replacement permits and in order to facilitate matters it has been decided to withdraw the replacement basis for the issue of import permits and to cancel the prescribed form Excon 39.

"For consumer goods, which appeared on the replacement list, permits will be issued on application to increase the total 1958 issues made up to now to 90 per cent of the corresponding 1957 figure. As in the case of consumer goods under quota a further issue for this group will be considered during the second half of the year.

"In regard to the other goods on the replacement list provision is being made for applications on a new and less complicated form Excon 40, which will shortly be published in the Government Gazette. Importers are expected to use this form in applying for their requirements for the rest of the year. Reasonable requirements will, as in the past, be fully covered.

"The policy in regard to motor transport, i.e. the issue of permits in replacement of vehicles sold retail, remains unchanged, except that the importation of built-up cars with a f.o.b. cost
in excess of £800, i.e. cars which are retailed here for approximately £1,500 is again prohibited until further notice.

"Regarding such cars purchased by visitors overseas, permits will only be issued in cases where they are now already in possession of such cars."