By airgrams of 8 January and 2 February 1953 the contracting parties were notified of the intention of the Belgian Government to enter into tariff negotiations with the Federal Republic of Germany under the special procedures laid down at the Sixth Session (Basic Instruments, Volume I, page 116). Request lists were exchanged and the negotiations opened at Bonn on 2 March.

The secretariat has now been informed that, in view of certain difficulties which have arisen in the course of the negotiations, the two Governments have decided to conclude a provisional bilateral agreement to be valid for six months, but intend to incorporate the concessions in their respective schedules annexed to the General Agreement as soon as circumstances permit. The concessions exchanged will, of course, be extended to all other contracting parties as from the entry into force of the bilateral agreement upon ratification by the parties.

Copies of the agreement will be furnished by the two Governments and will be distributed by the secretariat to the contracting parties as soon as the agreement is ratified.