Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Eighth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will convene on Thursday, 17 September 1953, at 3 p.m. in the Palais des Nations.

Your Government, which is a signatory of the Final Act of the Havana Conference in 1947/1948 is entitled to send an observer to this meeting, in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, which reads as follows:

"The representatives of countries signatories of the Final Act adopted at the conclusion of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment at Havana which have not become contracting parties may attend meetings in the capacity of observers participating in the discussions without vote."

I shall, therefore, be glad to know whether your Government intends to send an observer to this meeting, and if so I should like to be advised of the names of your representative at your earliest convenience.

I enclose a copy of the advance agenda for the Session; the provisional agenda will be sent to you about 20 August.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White,
Executive Secretary.