Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 28 March 1955 enclosing a copy of the Interim Report of the Working Party on Commodity Problems (L/320), of which your Government is a member. As I indicated in that letter, the Working Party suggested that I determine a date for its second meeting. Acting upon the advice of the Intersessional Committee of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, I have selected 1 September 1955 as the date for convening that meeting.

The Intersessional Committee arrived at its recommendation after considering various difficulties that would have arisen in connection with a proposal to convene the Working Party during the summer session of the Economic and Social Council, notably the many other conferences that are to be held in Geneva during July and August and the resultant scarcity of office and hotel accommodation. The Committee recognized, however, that the date of 1 September is later than had originally been contemplated and that it will be necessary for the Working Party to conclude its task rapidly in order to allow adequate time for the consideration of its report before the Tenth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. It is suggested, therefore, that governments submit their comments and suggestions concerning the draft agreement to the Secretariat well in advance of the meeting.

I should appreciate receiving your Government's comments on the draft agreement not later than 15 July and hope you will also be able to inform me by that date of the names of those who will represent your Government at the meeting of the Working Party.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White
Executive Secretary