OFFICE ACCOMMODATION DURING THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

The Executive Secretary to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade presents his compliments and has the honour to refer to the decision taken at the last Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to hold the Fourteenth Session from 11 to 30 May 1959 in Geneva. Delegations were informed that there would be no space available in the Palais des Nations, and consequently the Session would have to be held in the Bâtiment Electoral.

Although satisfactory accommodation exists in the Bâtiment Electoral for plenary and committee meetings, the available office space is limited (thirty offices of varied size and condition). Therefore, it will not be possible to satisfy the needs of all delegations, nor will it be possible this time for the secretariat to have recourse to the Villas "Le Chêne" and "Les Ormeaux" to accommodate the overflow.

In these circumstances the secretariat recommends that those contracting parties requiring considerable space and which are in a position to make their own office arrangements elsewhere should do so; advising the secretariat at an early date of such arrangement. In any case the secretariat will endeavour to allocate the available space in the Bâtiment Electoral in the most equitable manner whereby an effort will be made to provide each delegation or group of delegations at least with some office space in the Bâtiment Electoral.

In view of the World Health Assembly meeting in Geneva at the same dates delegations are advised to make their hotel reservations sufficiently early.