Dear Sir,

In the preparation of the report of the Panel of Experts appointed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Twelfth Session to study trends in international trade, we will need data concerning the level of production granted in certain countries to the first stages of processing of certain industrial raw materials, and we have decided to limit this compilation to the following processes:

washing and carding of wool, pressing and refining of vegetable oils, as well as preparing and tanning of hides.

We have compiled information available to us in the tables appended hereto. It would be very much appreciated if you could be kind enough to check the duty rates given for your country in these tables representing the legal rates on 1 January 1958. However, if some of these rates were suspended or reduced by administrative action at that time, we would be grateful if you could also indicate the rates actually applied.

Spare copies of the tables, which may be considered useful in transmitting the reply, are attached for your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

J. Royer,
Deputy Executive Secretary.