Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with the instructions given by the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at their thirteenth session, the Eighth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications to the Texts of the Schedules to the General Agreement was opened for signature in Geneva on 18 February 1959. In accordance with paragraph 2 (b) of the Protocol it is open for acceptance by signature or otherwise by the contracting parties to the General Agreement and by governments acceding thereto. The Protocol will enter into force on the day on which it has been signed by all the governments which are on that day contracting parties to the General Agreement.

I have the honour to advise that the Eighth Protocol has been signed by the Plenipotentiaries of the following governments on the dates indicated:

- Austria: 18 February 1959
- Denmark: 27 February 1959
- Kingdom of the Netherlands: 19 February 1959
- Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: 20 February 1959

The signature by Austria was made "subject to ratification".

This communication is made in accordance with paragraph 2(c) of the Protocol.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White,
Executive Secretary