5th SESSION OF CONTRACTING PARTIES COMPLETED

AT TORQUAY

The 5th Session of the Contracting Parties which opened on November 2, was concluded at Torquay today. The scope of the session was comprehensive and 14 working parties were set up to examine certain items in detail. The tasks undertaken included the completion of arrangements for bringing into force the Torquay tariff negotiations and for prolonging the assured life of the Geneva (1947) and Annecy (1949) concessions and for the accession of additional governments. The session dealt with a number of matters arising out of the operation of the General Agreement and also considered arrangements for the continuing administration of the Agreement. It was decided that the Sixth Session of the Contracting Parties would open at Geneva on September 17, 1951.

A summary of the substantive items which were considered during the 5th Session will be issued to the press shortly.