The United Kingdom Delegation has commented that the reports in the press on 2 August, stating that the United Kingdom "opposed" the request of Japan to enter into tariff negotiations were not in accordance with the views expressed by the United Kingdom delegate at the meeting of the Intersessional Committee. The following summary has been provided by the United Kingdom Delegation.

"The United Kingdom Delegate said that the difficulties felt by the United Kingdom Government (and a number of other countries) about Japanese accession were well known, and on that the position of the United Kingdom Government continued to be as it was stated by the President of the Board of Trade at the Eighth Session. (The President, on that occasion, stated that the United Kingdom considered the Japanese application premature and would abstain from assuming obligations towards Japan under the Agreement.) As regards tariff negotiations, if it was the general view that the Committee should recommend that arrangements should be made for tariff negotiations with a view to Japanese accession, it should be understood that the position of the United Kingdom was reserved in all respects."