The following communication has been received from the leader of the Nicaraguan delegation.

"My delegation wishes to inform you, and begs you to inform the contracting parties, of the intention my Government has of taking advantage of the Japanese negotiations to renegotiate the complete lists negotiated at Annecy. The reasons for so doing as has been stated on different occasions, are the following:

"1. Nicaragua has prepared a new tariff which uses the UNIFORM CENTRAL AMERICAN NOMENCLATURE adopted at the second meeting of the Committee of Central American Economic Co-operation held in San José, Costa Rica, in October 1953.

"2. When Nicaragua negotiated at Annecy it did so with the idea of making the necessary adjustments which later proved impossible to make owing to the extension of the period of consolidation.

"3. The Government of Nicaragua is carrying out a general plan for economic development in conjunction with the other Central American Republics, with the ultimate view of achieving a Customs Union, and this plan requires a new finance and tariff policy.

"4. The customs tariff of 1918 on which the Annecy negotiations were based is obsolete and a complete modification is necessary in order to include the products of the technical developments of recent years as well as to adapt it to the present economic conditions prevailing in the country.

"My delegation would also like to inform the contracting parties, through the secretariat, that the members of the delegation which will take care of renegotiating will arrive in Geneva at the end of the month."