The following communication, dated 16 October 1953, has been sent by the Greek delegation attending the Eighth Session for circulation to the contracting parties:

1. In accordance with paragraph 5 of the Note appended to Schedule XXV - Greece, the Greek Government have undertaken to notify the contracting parties of any modification they intend to introduce into tariff classification of the various categories of rayon fibres, rayon thread or articles manufactured in rayon, or in the duties payable on such articles at the end of July 1949.

2. The Greek delegation inform the contracting parties that the Greek Government have already decided to proceed to a tariff classification of discontinuous artificial textile fibres, and rayon articles (in artificial silk made of continuous thread) by fixing an individual rate for each of these articles, as follows:

(a) Rayon fibres (discontinuous artificial fibres)

The rate not to be less than 3,500 paper drachmae per kilogram.

(b) Rayon thread (continuous artificial thread)

The rate not to be less than

1) 16,000 paper drachmae per kilogram for thread of a blend, 120 in weight and over; 2) 19,000 paper drachmae for thread of a blend below 120 in weight.

(c) Rayon textiles and articles (continuous artificial thread)

The rate not to be less than ad valorem 30%

NOTE: Ad valorem rates should be increased, in addition, by the surtax of 75%.
3. In communicating this decision of the Greek Government confidentially, the Greek delegation requests the contracting parties whose countries are the main suppliers of the above articles and who wish to enter into negotiations with Greece, to be good enough so to inform them before the close of the present Session.

4. The Greek Government would like such negotiations to take place in Athens as soon as possible, since the question calls for an urgent settlement.