Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the seventeenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will be held for a period of three weeks, commencing at 3 p.m. on Monday 31 October 1960 in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Your Government, which is a signatory of the Final Act of the Havana Conference held in 1947/48, is entitled to be represented by observers at this session in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, which reads as follows:

"The representatives of countries signatories of the Final Act adopted at the conclusion of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment at Havana which have not become contracting parties may attend meetings in the capacity of observers participating in the discussions without vote."

I shall, therefore, be grateful to know whether your Government intends to send observers to this session, and if so I should like to be advised not later than 24 October of the names of your representatives.

A copy of the advance agenda (L/1254) for the seventeenth session is enclosed herewith.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White,
Executive Secretary.