Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the nineteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will be held from 13 November to 8 December, commencing at 3 p.m. on Monday 13 November 1961 in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Your Government, which is a signatory to 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 should, therefore, be grateful if you would inform me whether your Government intends to send observers to this session, and if so I should like to be advised not later than 6 November of the names of your representatives.

A copy of the advance agenda (L/1525) for the nineteenth session is enclosed herewith.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White,  
Executive Secretary.