ACCESSION OF JAPAN

Note by the Chairman

The draft resolution set out in W.10/34 has been revised as follows for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

HAVING EXAMINED at the request of the Japanese Government, and pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article XXXV of the General Agreement, the operation of that Article in the case of Japan,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

RECOGNIZE that any contracting party which satisfies the conditions of paragraph 1 of the Article has the undoubted right to invoke its provisions,

RECOGNIZE HOWEVER that the widespread invocation of the provisions of Article XXXV on the occasion of the accession of Japan created a situation which was of concern not only to other contracting parties which accepted the full obligations of the Agreement towards Japan, but also in respect of the satisfactory functioning of the General Agreement,

NOTE that it was not practicable at the present Session to find a general solution which would command a sufficiently wide acceptance by contracting parties,

DECIDE that at the present time it would not be possible to make any specific recommendations under paragraph 2 of Article XXXV, and

RECOMMEND that the contracting parties who have begun consultations at the present Session with the delegation of Japan should continue them with a view to seeking a satisfactory solution to the problem,

DECIDE further that the matter be kept under review by the Intersessional Committee and placed on the agenda of the Eleventh Session.