CONSIDERING that the Government of Cambodia is prepared to enter into negotiations with a view to accession to the General Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII of that Agreement, when its new customs tariff has entered into force and at a time convenient to the contracting parties;

CONSIDERING FURTHER that, until such accession, the Government of Cambodia agrees to continue to apply the General Agreement to the trade of the contracting parties to which it was previously applied by the Government of France acting on behalf of the former Indochina, and in particular, to maintain the concessions described in Schedule XI, Section H, to the General Agreement;

CONSIDERING that, on 22 November 1957, the CONTRACTING PARTIES recommended to contracting parties to continue de facto to apply the General Agreement in their relations with Cambodia until the end of the second week after the commencement of the Thirteenth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, provided Cambodia continued to apply de facto the Agreement to them;

CONSIDERING FINALLY that in its relations with the contracting parties agreeing to continue the arrangement outlined the Government of Cambodia will in effect undertake the same obligations and enjoy the same advantages as if it had resorted to the provisions of paragraph 5 (c) of Article XXVI of the General Agreement;

the CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE

1. to make the necessary arrangements for the early accession of Cambodia in accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII of the General Agreement;

2. to recommend to the contracting parties to which France, acting on behalf of the former Indochina, applied the General Agreement, the continued de facto application of that Agreement in their relations with Cambodia so long as Cambodia applies de facto the General Agreement to them, and until such time as Cambodia accedes to the General Agreement;
3. to invite the contracting parties prepared to act accordingly to notify the Executive Secretary without delay of their intention;

4. to recognize the de facto application of the General Agreement between Cambodia and those contracting parties, and to agree to perform such functions as would be necessary to facilitate the application of the arrangement outlined in paragraph 2 above;

5. to invite the Government of Cambodia to take part in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

NOTE: When the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopt the foregoing Decision, the following understanding should be placed on record:

In view of the wording of the provisions of Article XXV and XXXII, it is not possible, from a strictly legal point of view, to give full voting rights to Cambodia. However, in the normal course of the business this is not very important since the CONTRACTING PARTIES do not usually proceed to a formal vote in reaching decisions; generally, the Chairman takes the sense of the meeting and Cambodia would have the same opportunity as contracting parties to express its opinion.