The Governments which are contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the contracting parties" and "the General Agreement" respectively),

DESIRING to effect amendments to the provisions of the General Agreement in connexion with the establishment of the Organization for Trade Cooperation,

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

1. The following amendment shall be made to the provisions of the General Agreement:

(a) The second, third, fourth and fifth sentences of paragraph 2 of Article XXIII shall be deleted.

(b) (i) The title of Article XXV shall be deleted and the following title shall be inserted in place thereof:

"The Organization for Trade Cooperation";

(ii) Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, of Article XXV shall be deleted, and the following three paragraphs shall be inserted in place thereof:

"1. The Organization for Trade Cooperation, established by the Agreement bearing the date of March 1955, shall give effect to those provisions of this Agreement, which provide for action by the Organization and such other provisions as involve joint action, and may carry on any other activities with respect to the General Agreement which are provided for by the Agreement establishing the Organization.

"2. All contracting parties shall, as soon as possible become Members of the Organization."
"3. Those contracting parties which have accepted the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation may decide at any time after the entry into force of that Agreement that any contracting party which has not accepted it shall cease to be a contracting party."

(c) The following shall be inserted before the period at the end of paragraph 5 (c) of Article XXVI:

"and shall also be deemed to be a Member of the Organization"

(d) Article XXXIII shall be amended to read as follows:

"A government not a contracting party to this Agreement may accede thereto on terms to be agreed between such government and the CONTRACTING PARTIES; Provided that such government has accepted the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation. Decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES under this paragraph shall be taken by a majority comprising two-thirds of the contracting parties."

(e) Annex I shall be amended to include the following Note to Article XXXIII:

"Ad Article XXXIII

"A government, acting on behalf of a separate customs territory possessing full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of other matters provided for in this Agreement, may accede to this Agreement on behalf of that territory on terms applicable thereto; Provided that the obligations of membership in the Organization are undertaken by such territory or on its behalf."

(f) The expressions "Secretary-General of the United Nations" or "Executive Secretary to the CONTRACTING PARTIES" shall be deleted and the term "Director-General of the Organization" shall be inserted in place thereof, wherever either such expression occurs in the provisions of paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of Article XXVI, and of Article XXXI, of the General Agreement, and wherever such provisions may hereafter be amended to contain either such expression.
(g) Except for those cases covered by sub-paragraph (f) of this paragraph, the expression "CONTRACTING PARTIES" shall be deleted and the word "Organization" shall be inserted in place thereof, together with consequential grammatical adjustments, wherever such expression occurs in the provisions of the General Agreement, other than Articles II, III, XXIX or XX thereof, annexes relating to such articles, or Schedules to the General Agreement, and wherever such provisions may hereafter be amended to contain such expression.

II. The following amendment shall be made to the provisions of the General Agreement:

(a) The words "CONTRACTING PARTIES" (i.e., the contracting parties acting jointly as provided for in Article XXV) concur" shall be deleted from paragraph 6(a) of Article III, and from such paragraph as it may hereafter be amended, and the words "Organization for Trade Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as 'the Organization') concurs" shall in each such case be inserted in place thereof.

(b) The expression "Secretary-General of the United Nations" or "Executive Secretary to the CONTRACTING PARTIES" shall be deleted from paragraph 2 of Article XXX of the General Agreement, and from such paragraph as it may hereafter be amended to contain the second such expression, and the term "Director-General of the Organization" shall in each case be inserted in place thereof.

(c) Except for those cases covered by sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph, the expression "CONTRACTING PARTIES" shall be deleted and the word "Organization" shall be inserted in place thereof, together with consequential grammatical adjustments, wherever such expression occurs in the provisions of Articles II, III, XXIX or XXX of the General Agreement, of the annexes relating to such articles, or of the Schedules to that Agreement, and wherever such provisions may hereafter be amended to contain such expression.

III. [continued as in document W/9/243]