1. The Steering Group has considered the suggestion made by the delegate of South Africa and supported by the delegates of the Dominican Republic and Turkey in Plenary session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 6 December that, prior to the Christmas recess the CONTRACTING PARTIES should take stock of the progress achieved on Item 3 - Review of the General Agreement. The Steering Group is of the opinion that this suggestion should be adopted and suggests the following arrangements for giving effect to it:

(a) Review Working Parties III and IV should meet all day on 16 December to hear oral reports from the Chairmen of their respective sub-groups. Review Working Parties I and II will meet all day on 17 December for the same purpose.

(b) The CONTRACTING PARTIES will meet on 20 December to receive oral reports from the Chairmen of Review Working Parties III and IV and on 21 December to hear oral reports from the Chairmen of Review Working Parties I and II.

(c) The discussion in the CONTRACTING PARTIES will be focused on these oral reports, the aim being to establish as clearly as possible the areas of general agreement and to define clearly the matters on which there is still divergency of views.

2. The Steering Group hopes that the result of this procedure will be to provide delegations with a clear analysis of the situation which will exist immediately prior to the Christmas recess. It will also facilitate the further study of the issues by the respective governments in preparation for the resumption of the discussions on 4 January.
3. The Steering Group appreciates that owing to the coincidence of this period of recess with public holidays, the opportunity for governmental discussions will be somewhat limited, but it expresses the hope that delegations will make every effort to utilise the interval for this purpose in order that it will be possible to make rapid progress after the recess and thus to bring the review to a successful conclusion by 31 January 1955.

4. The Steering Group recommends, finally, that business should close at 1 p.m. on 22 December 1954.