Extension of the last dates for submission of statements and lodging of objections.

1. At their second session the Contracting Parties agreed upon a timetable for the submission of the statements in support of existing measures referred to in paragraph 12 of Article XVIII and the ratification of objections to the measures by the Contracting Parties concerned. (See GATT/CP 2/38 Rev.I Annex E).

2. When it was found after the close of the session that some of the statements had not been received within the requisite time, the Contracting Parties were notified in document GATT/CP.3/8 and it was suggested that the statements which had been submitted beyond the agreed time should be accepted and that the last date for lodging of objections should be deferred until 8 April 1949.

3. The Working Party has been considering the statements which have been submitted and has also taken note of the reasons advanced for the late submission of these statements. Because of the administrative difficulties of the governments concerned in obtaining detailed information in the particular circumstances for the preparation of the statements, the Working Party agreed that these statements should be accepted for consideration.

** Throughout this report, paragraph numbers of the amended version of Article XVIII are referred to.
4. Of the measures set out in Annex B to document GTT/CP.2/38/Rev. 1 those notified by the Government of Chile have been withdrawn from the provisions of Article XVIII. The measures which are therefore still under consideration are those notified by:

(a) Cuba
(b) India
(c) Lebanon and Syria
(d) United Kingdom on behalf of Mauritius and Northern Rhodesia.

5. The Working Party had intended first to complete consideration of the eligibility of each of the measures for notification under paragraph 11 of Article XVII before examining them in the manner required by paragraph 12 of that Article.

6. Consideration of eligibility, however, has not yet been completed and, therefore, it has become necessary to reconsider the procedure relating to the lodging of objections to the maintenance of the measures and the proposed date of 8 April 1949 for the lodging of objections.

7. After consideration of eligibility the Working Party should consider the applicability of paragraph 7 of Article XVIII. Subsequently, if the measures are to be considered under paragraph 8, it should then determine the Contracting Parties which are materially affected by the measures and forward details of the measures to them.

8. However, as a matter of practical convenience and in order to expedite proceedings at this session the Working Party has agreed to recommend to the Contracting Parties that, pending final determination of the question of eligibility and subsequent examination under paragraph 7, any objections to the maintenance of the measures may be submitted as if the measures were being
considered under paragraph 8. Those objections will not be considered until such examination takes place and the submission of objections will be without prejudice to determinations by the Contracting Parties on the question of eligibility and the relevance of paragraph 7.

9. The Working Party also wished to point out that Contracting Parties may wish to make comments concerning their interests referred to in paragraph 7 (a) (2).

10. The Working Party accordingly recommends that Contracting Parties wishing to object to the measures notified by the Governments referred to in paragraph 4 above should submit any such objection, in writing, in the terms of paragraph 8 (b) of Article XVIII not later than..........................