The Brazilian Delegation has raised with the Tariff Negotiations Working Party the question of an increase of the tariff rates on which Brazil is negotiating at this Conference. The Brazilian Delegation has received instructions from its Government to the effect that these rates are to be increased by 40% so as to reach a level of tariff protection substantially equal to that which was in force in 1934.

The Tariff Negotiations Working Party appointed a sub-committee composed of representatives of the Belgium-Luxembourg-Netherlands Customs Union, France, United Kingdom and the United States, which discussed this question with the Brazilian Delegation on July 29. After considering the report of its sub-committee, the Tariff Negotiations Working Party agrees that this matter should be dealt with by the Preparatory Committee meeting in executive session. At the meeting, the Brazilian Delegation will explain the reasons for the increase and answer any questions that may be put to it.

Accordingly, it has been arranged that an explanatory document from the Brazilian Delegation will be distributed early next week and that the Preparatory Committee shall meet in executive session on Friday, August 8 at 10.30 a.m. to consider the matter.