1. Examination of the credentials submitted by delegations has revealed that only in the case of four delegations - those of Luxembourg, New Zealand, Syria and the United States - do the credentials lodged expressly authorize the signature of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and take a form appropriate for this purpose.

2. It is the practice of the United Nations to request delegates to supply express authority to sign such instruments as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. In this instance such authorities might conveniently take the form of letters signed by foreign ministers.

3. I, therefore, venture to suggest that delegations who have not yet done so should, as soon as possible, take steps to obtain the appropriate authority from their governments.