Memorandum submitted by Australian Delegation

Australia operates her so-called British Preferential Tariff on the principle of applying in toto to the United Kingdom the rates of duty set forth in the British Preferential Column of the principal Tariff schedule.

In the case of the remaining British countries, or territories, the rates set forth in the British Preferential Column of the principal Tariff schedule apply with respect to varying ranges of goods. That is to say, some British areas presently enjoy the British preferential rates on a certain number of items while other British areas presently enjoy the British preferential rates on a wider number of items. There also remain a few British areas to which none of the British preferential rates presently apply.

Australia should hope that Article 8 (2) shall be interpreted in such a way that so long as a preference remain accordable in one part of the British Empire, the part of the British Empire accorded the preference shall be at liberty to extend the same, or lesser, measure of preference to any other part of the British Empire.