For "contracting party" and "contracting parties" throughout substitute "contracting government" and "contracting governments". (This amendment should apply to Parts I and II as well as Part III)

Article XXIII. Para.5 - Insert: "Except where otherwise provided for in this Agreement decisions of the Committee shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast."

para.7 - Delete "by amendment pursuant to Article XXVII may discontinue the meetings provided for in this Article and"

line 4 - XXVII may discontinue the meetings provided for in this Article and"

line 5 - After "may" and before "transfer" insert "by a two-thirds majority".

Article XXIV. para.3(b), line 5

Delete "undertake the obligations" and

Substitute "apply the provisions."

Article XXVI. title: Delete "Modification".

Substitute "Variation".

line 1 - Delete "on or after November 1st 1950" and

Substitute "after three years from the date of provisional application of this Agreement".

line 6 - Delete "modify"

Substitute "vary"

Article XXVII.

Paragraph 1 should be detached from the rest of the Article and made into a new Article with the title "Suspension and Supersession".

Paragraph 2 should become a new Article headed "Amendments".

line 2, para.2. After "provisions of this Article" insert "or of Article XXVII".

Article XXVIII. line 1 Delete "on or after November 1, 1950" and
Substitute "After three years from the provisional entry into force of this Agreement".

line 3 Delete "one"
Substitute "any"

Article XXX. para.1 To be amended to read as follows:
The expression 'contracting Governments' shall mean those Governments which are applying this Agreement either provisionally or pursuant to Article XXIV.

Article XXII. Title Delete "Adherence" and substitute "Accession".

line 1 Delete "adhere" and substitute "accede",

Procedure for Provisional Application of the General Agreement

Proposals by the United Kingdom

1. There would be a single instrument laid out as follows:

A. General Agreement (Articles I to XXXI) followed by signatures:

B. three paragraphs without title commencing "The Governments of ...............", relating to provisional application of the General Agreement:

C. Protocol of signature.

It would be reasonable to interpret the signatures as relating to all three parts of the instrument.

2. Article XXXII would disappear, and also the references to it in Article XXII(I) and Article XXX.

3. The paragraphs dealing with provisional application would run as follows:

1. The Governments of ............. undertake each to give notice to the Secretary General of the United Nations not later than .............. of its intention to apply provisionally, as from ............ in respect of its metropolitan territory and as soon as possible thereafter in respect of any other territory for which it has international responsibility and which is not self-governing in its external commercial relations and in matters provided for by the General Agreement.

(i) Parts I and III of the General Agreement;

(ii) Part II of that Agreement to the fullest extent, not inconsistent with existing legislation.
2. Any signatory Government may at any time give notice to the Secretary General of the intention of the Government of any territory for which the signatory Government has international responsibility and which is self-governing in the conduct of its external commercial relations and in the matters provided for in the General Agreement, to apply provisionally

(i) Parts I and III of the General Agreement

(ii) Part II of that Agreement to the fullest extent not inconsistent with existing legislation.

3. Pending the entry into force of the General Agreement any signatory Government may give written notice to the Secretary General of the United Nations, to take effect upon the expiry of 60 days from its receipt, that it or any Government, in respect of which notice has been given to the Secretary General of the United Nations under paragraph 2 above, intends to cease to apply provisionally in whole or in part the parts of the General Agreement referred to above.

4. The Protocol of signature would remain as in E/PC/T/135, page 64, but the following paragraph should be added:

This Protocol shall remain open for signature by or on behalf of any Government, which may apply the General Agreement provisionally or upon whose behalf an instrument of acceptance has been deposited under Article XXIV or which has acceded to the General Agreement under Article XXXI.