Several Delegates have asked for assurances that signature or application of the General Agreement will not prejudice their freedom to maintain reservations to the Charter. The Tariff Negotiations Working Party suggests that these assurances could be provided by adding the following provisions at the end of the first paragraph of the Final Act, which will be signed by all countries at Geneva:

"It is understood that the signature of this Final Act or the signature or application by any of the above-mentioned governments of the General Agreement or its accompanying Protocols does not in any way prejudice their freedom to maintain at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment the reservations which they may have made to the provisions of the draft Charter for an International Trade Organization recommended by the Preparatory Committee."

In order to make the purpose of the Final Act completely clear, the Tariff Negotiations Working Party also suggests the following amendments to the closing phrases of the Final Act (see Document E/PC/T/W/315 and corrigendum).

"IN FAITH WITNESS WHEREOF the respective Representatives of the above-mentioned Governments have signed the present Act and have thereby authenticated the text of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with accompanying Protocols annexed hereto.

"DONE, etc."