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FUTURE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

The following additional replies have been received to the telegrams sent by the Chairman with regard to future tariff negotiations:

Argentina

A cable of 24 August states that the opinion of the Argentine Government is favourable to a policy of lower tariffs which would permit an increase of international exchange of goods. Notwithstanding this, the fact that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade involves other questions on which the Argentine Government has already shown its disagreement at the Conference on Trade and Employment in Havana, impedes the adherence of Argentine to the General Agreement in spite of their desire to give full assistance to any measure favouring international commerce.

Egypt

The Egyptian Government which has not yet adhered to the Havana Charter, envisages adherence to the General Agreement within two years following the putting into force of the Havana Charter.

Haiti

Haiti advises that Monsieur Alfred Addor, the Honorary Consul in Geneva, has been authorized to indicate the date of 1 October, 1948 as that from which

the Haitian Government will be ready to undertake negotiations with the Contracting Parties.

Iran

Iran advises that accession to the General Agreement is unfortunately not practicable now, but that when the Havana Charter has been approved by Parliament, it will act according to Article 27.

Nicaragua

Nicaragua intends to adhere promptly to the General Agreement and to undertake tariff negotiations with the Contracting Parties.