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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Contracting Parties

Second Session

NOTE REGARDING INSTRUMENTS TO BE PREPARED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND CREDENTIALS REQUIRED THEREFOR

- 1. Items 2 and 3 of the Agenda (modifications of GATT by Replacement by Charter Provisions and Amendments to Article XXIX) will probably result in the drawing up of two Protocols to be accepted by signature alone either at the conclusion of the Second Session or at some later date, or by signature ad referendum at the conclusion of the Second Session followed by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance at some later date.
- 2. Item 11 of the Agenda (Protocol of Rectifications) will require a Protocol to be accepted by signature alone at the conclusion of the Second Session.
- 3. Item 12 of the Agenda (Applicability of GATT to the Trade of Contracting Parties with the Areas under Military Occupation) may result in an Agreement to be accepted by signature alone either at the conclusion of the Second Session or at some later date.
- 4. Any representative at the Second Session desiring to accept on behalf of his government any of the instruments mentioned in paragraph 1 or 4 should produce either full powers to that effect or a general full power enabling him to sign any instrument drawn up by the contracting parties with the effect of definitively binding his government or a note in like terms signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. If it is not possible to obtain these documents in the time available, interim powers in the form of a telegram from the Minister of Foreign Affairs should be produced.
- Any representative who has produced credentials which, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, are satisfactory for the purpose of accrediting him to the Second Session might be regarded as having power to sign either of the instruments referred to in paragraph 1 above ad referendum. He might also be regarded as having power to sign the instruments referred to in paragraph 2.
- 6. The representatives of India, Syria and the United Kingdom have presented credentials in final form empowering them to sign ad referendum any instrument drawn up at the Second Session. The representative of Brazil has also presented credentials of this type but in provisional form.
- 7. The representatives of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, France, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Norway, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and the United States have presented credentials sent for the purpose of accrediting them to the Second Session.