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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
Contracting Parties
Second Session

Note by the Chairman of the Contracting
Parties

At the conclusion of the Second Session, the representatives of the Contracting Parties will be called upon to sign a certain number of Protocols.

1. The Protocol of Rectifications which will contain corrections of typographical errors in the schedules annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, does not require any decision of substance.

It is therefore contemplated that this Protocol will be accepted by signature alone at the conclusion of the Second Session.

The representatives of the Contracting Parties should produce full powers enabling them to sign that instrument with the effect of definitely binding their Governments from the time of signature, or a note in like terms signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. If it is not possible to obtain these documents for the day of signature, interim powers in the form of a telegram from the Minister of Foreign Affairs should be produced.

The full powers should be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the ICITO as soon as possible thereafter.

2. The other Protocols which may be drawn up, such as the two Protocols modifying certain provisions of the General Agreement may -

a) either be signed without reservation as to acceptance, or

b) be signed with reservation as to acceptance.

Any representative wishing to sign any of these Protocols without reservation as to acceptance 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 definitely 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 before the day of signature, interim powers in the form of a

telegram from the Minister of Foreign Affairs should be produced. In that case, the full powers should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the ICITO as soon as possible.

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, would be regarded as having power to sign any of the Protocols referred to above ad referendum.

As regards the Contracting Parties which would not be able to sign, without reservation as to the acceptance, the Protocols modifying certain articles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Contracting Parties at their meeting held on September 3, 1948 have decided to recommend that they should deposit their instruments of acceptance not later than November 30, 1948.