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ON THE SCHEDULE OF AUSTRALIA

As stated in the Interim Report issued on 29th April (GATT/CP.3/18), the Working Party has examined the replacement of Schedule I proposed by the Delegation of Australia.

In the light of the information supplied in GATT/CP.3/13 and Add. 1 and 2, the Working Party has concluded that the proposed revision of the ad valorem rates in the Schedule, following upon the alteration in the method of determining values for customs purposes, is generally consistent with the purposes embodied in the General Agreement. In reaching this conclusion the Working Party has taken account of the fact that the adjustment of the rates to the nearest round figures, in order to avoid awkward fractions, has resulted in slight increases of some duties and margins of preference and slight reductions of others. The Working Party agreed that this adjustment arose merely from the desire of the Australian Government to avoid the use of awkward fractional rates of duty which would be the result if each rate were adjusted to the exact equivalent of the Geneva rate.

Representatives of the Contracting Parties which concluded negotiations with Australia in 1947 were invited to communicate with the Delegation of Australia concerning any questions they wished to raise on tariff items of particular interest to them. It is understood that the slight modifications in the rates of duty negotiated at

Geneva and the other rectifications, proposed in GATT/CP.3/13 and Add. 2 and 3 have been accepted by them.

Accordingly, the Working Party recommends that the proposed revision of Schedule I be approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and that the modifications be incorporated in a protocol of rectifications or other appropriate document to be drawn up at this Session.