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Request by Norway for a Waiver from the Obligation to Notify Application of Annecy Concessions before 30 April 1950

The following letter has been received from the Leader of the Norwegian delegation concerning the delay in the application of the Annecy concessions:

"I have been instructed to inform you that the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will submit the tariff concessions proposed by the Norwegian delegation in Annecy, to the new Storting which will convene in January 1950. A request will be made that the matter be dealt with as soon as possible with a view to enabling the Government to notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations before April 30, 1950 of their intention to apply these concessions.

"However, in view of the large amount of unfinished business from this year which the new Storting will have to deal with, the Government cannot feel absolutely certain that it will be possible to obtain the necessary authority from the Storting before april 30, 1950. It has therefore been considered atvisable to seek the permission of the Contracting Parties for an extention of the time within which the notification of Norway's

Note: This request will be considered at the meeting of the Contracting Parties tomorrow Saturday, August 13th.

application of the Annecy concessions should be given to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"Accordingly, I have to request that the Contracting Parties grant to Norway a waiver from the obligation to notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations before April 30, 1950 of her intention to apply these concessions, and that the period within which Norway shall be required to give such notification be extended to June 30, 1950."