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APPLICATION OF ANNECY SCHEDULE XIV - NORWAY ITEM Z OF THE AGENDA

Note by the Executive Secretary

At their meeting held on Friday, 24 February, 1950, the Contracting Parties agreed to grant to the Norwegian Government an extension of the time limit for the forwarding of the notification of intention to apply concessions granted at Annecy and decided to examine later how this agreement would be formalised.

It is suggested that a practicable procedure would be to ascertain that the Annecy Acceding Government have no objection to the proposed extension, and, when this approval has been secured, to embody the agreement of the Contracting Parties in a decision taken pursuant to Article XXXIII of the General Agreement. A draft decision has been prepared and is annexed hereto.

ANNEX

Draft Decision on the Application of Annecy Schedule XIV

CONSIDERING that paragraph 3 of the Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that a notification of intention to apply concessions contained in Annex A thereto shall only be effective if received by the Secretary General of the United Nations not later than April 30, 1950,

CONSIDERING that, while the Protocol of Accession was under consideration at the Third Session of the Contracting Parties, the Government of Norway requested an extension of the period for giving such notice until June 30, 1950 because of the uncertainty that the newly elected Norwegian Storting would be able to give the necessary approval by April 30, 1950,

CONSIDERING that, action on this request having been deferred until the Fourth Session of the Contracting Parties, the Government of Norway has renewed its request at that Session,

BEING SATISFIED that the acceding governments (as defined in the preamble of the Annexy Protocol of Terms of Accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) duly notified of the request of the Norwegian Government, have no objection to the extension requested,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES .

ACTING pursuant to Article XXXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and in view of the special circumstances referred to above;

DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession, notification by the Norwegian Government of its intention to apply the concessions provided for in Schedule XIV (Norway) annexed to the said Protocol shall be effective for all purposes of that Protocol if received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations not later than June 30, 1950, and,

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the present decision to the Secretary General of the United Nations.