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NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON JAPAN

Members of the Working Party will recall that at the end of the last meeting, I reserved the possibility of calling the Working Party together again if, as a result of my informal discussions with delegations, I came to the conclusion that a somewhat different formulation of the Working Party proposals would enable a larger number of contracting parties to be associated with them.

I believe, as a result of my consultations, that this result could be achieved by submitting the Working Party proposals in two parts. The first would consist of a decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES inviting Japan to participate in their meetings and agreeing to make available the facilities of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for the administration of the Agreement as between Japan and those contracting parties which agree that their commercial relations with Japan shall be governed by the General Agreement pending Japan's definitive accession following tariff negotiations. The second would be a Declaration to this effect by those contracting parties. This would enable some contracting parties, which are not at present in a position to agree to the application of the Agreement as between themselves and Japan, nevertheless to join in the Decision to invite Japan to participate in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Accordingly the Working Party's report G/55 has been re-arranged to present the proposal in this new form. This has not involved any changes in the substance of the report. The report as so revised together with the draft decision and declaration have been circulated in document W.8/34. A limited number of copies of the Annex (schedule of concessions by Japan) has been circulated to each delegation.