GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE BELGO-LUXEMBURG ECONOMIC UNION

1. The following communication, dated 29 July 1959, has been received from the Australian Government with the request that it be transmitted to the contracting parties.

> "The Minister for External Affairs on 28 January 1959 handed to the Minister of Belgium a letter giving notice of Australia's intention to terminate the Belgo/Australian Trade Agreement of 1936.
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> "In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, this termination will not be effected 'until six months from the day on which either Government shall give notice of its intention to terminate it' - 28 July 1959."

2. The "Provisional Commercial Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union signed in Canberra 3 October 1936" provided inter alia for the exchange of most-favoured-nation treatment, tariff concessions, facilities for negotiations and undertakings in the field of prohibitions and quantitative restrictions (Australia undertook to allot to Belgium specific import quotas for plain clear sheet glass. The BLEU undertook not to prohibit the importation of Australian barley, wheat and frozen beef). The full text of the Agreement is reproduced as item No. 4094 in the League of Nations Treaty Series, Volume CLXXVII, of 1937.