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Corrigendum

Page 1, paragraph 1

In the second sentence, insert the words "for acceptance" after "requires unanimity". The sentence now reads:

"This proposal was opposed by several delegations and, since an amendment of Article I requires unanimity for acceptance, the representative of Brazil withdrew his proposal."

Page 1, paragraph 3

Sub-paragraph 1 of paragraph 3 should read:

"The Brazilian representative, explaining his proposal (W.9/118) regarding the transposition of bound specific rates into ad valorem rates, said that it seemed necessary to take into account the position of countries which entered into negotiations in 1947 under the expectation that the Agreement might be amended after two years as provided in Article XXIX:3. In his view, such changes, if they took place in the course of a tariff reform aiming at the rehabilitation of the tariff, should be possible at any time ... "

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Insert after the first complete paragraph:

"The representative of Austria expressed the opinion that special attention should be devoted to problems raised by the conversion of consolidated specific duties into ad valorem duties, which may become necessary as the result of the general adoption of the ad valorem system. In his opinion, conversions not designed to increase customs incidence but to maintain it at a level established in accordance with a given

criterion should be the object of sympathetic study within the context of the negotiations. In this study, all the results of the application of the criterion proposed by the government requesting conversion should be taken into account. The representative of the Dominican Republic mentioned that his Government also might wish to change specific to ad valorem rates, and therefore he concurred with the view of the Austrian representative."

Page 2, paragraph 6

The words "rules" in the last line should be replaced by the words "Articles of Agreement".

Page 3, paragraph 12

This paragraph should be amended to read:

"The German delegation proposed an amendment to the second sentence to require a contracting party taking action under this Article to enter into negotiations on compensatory adjustments with substantially interested contracting parties. Some representatives thought the provisions of Article XXVII should be made consistent with the provisions of Article XXVIII. This proposal was discussed by the Working Party but in view of differences of opinion the proposal was withdrawn."