SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT.
TARIFF AGREEMENT COMMITTEE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE

In accordance with the decision taken by the Tariff Agreement Committee at its meeting in the evening of September 12, 1947, the Secretariat has prepared the following text, incorporating the various amendments to the draft contained in document E/PC/T/189 (pages 60-61) that were suggested in the course of the meeting:

"At the time of signing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the undersigned through their duly authorized Representatives

HAVING agreed that the objectives laid down in the Preamble to the Agreement, can best be attained through the adoption by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment of a Charter for an International Trade Organization, thereby leading to the creation of such an Organization,

HAVING, in their capacity as Members of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, recommended the text of a draft Charter through the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for consideration by the Conference,

UNDERTAKE, pending their acceptance of a Charter in accordance with their constitutional procedures, to observe to the fullest extent of their executive authority the principles of the Draft Charter, and, should the Charter not have entered into force on November 1, 1948, to meet again to consider in what manner the General Agreement should be supplemented."