

SUBJECT: SIGNATURE OF ANNECY AND TORQUAY PROTOCOLS BY URUGUAY

THE TIME-LIMIT FOR SIGNATURE OF THE ANNECY AND TORQUAY PROTOCOLS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY WAS EXTENDED UNTIL 30 APRIL 1953 BY DECISION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF 7 NOVEMBER 1952.

THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY HAS INFORMED ME THAT THE BILL AUTHORIZING URUGUAY'S ACCESSION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE URUGUAYAN SENATE AND IS NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT FINAL APPROVAL IS EXPECTED BEFORE LONG, THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY HAS ASKED FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME-LIMIT TO SIGN THE TWO PROTOCOLS UNTIL 30 OCTOBER 1953.

I AM THEREFORE SUBMITTING FOR VOTE BY POSTAL BALLOT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME-LIMIT TO 30 OCTOBER 1953.

CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE INVITED TO RECORD THEIR VOTE BY 15 JUNE 1953.

THIS DECISION, TAKEN PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXXIII, REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

E. WYNHAM WHITE

of 15 June 1953 - - - - -
DECISION GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SIGNATURE OF THE ANNECY AND TORQUAY PROTOCOLS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Ancey Protocol provided that the Protocol would be open for signature until 30 April 1950 by acceding governments and that the Decisions of 9 November 1950, 24 October 1951 and 7 November 1952 provided for extensions of this time-limit until 30 April 1953.

CONSIDERING that paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol provided that the Protocol would be open for signature until 21 October 1951 by Uruguay, and that the Decisions of 24 October 1951 and 7 November 1952 provided for extension of this time-limit until 30 April 1953.

CONSIDERING that the legislative procedures have not allowed the Uruguayan Government to sign the Protocols by that date, but that a Bill to authorise Uruguay's accession to the General Agreement has been approved by the Uruguayan Senate and is now before the House of Representatives, and

CONSIDERING the desirability of affording an additional opportunity to the Uruguayan Government to accede to the General Agreement,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to Article XXXIII of the General Agreement,

DECIDE that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 10 of the Ancey Protocol and paragraph 10 of the Torquay Protocol, signature of the Ancey Protocol or of the Torquay Protocol by the Government of Uruguay shall be effective for all purposes of these protocols if affixed not later than 30 October 1953, and

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

34 contracting parties and chairman

copies to Liaison officers and U.N. representatives