

#### APPENDIX IV

### JOINT STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED ON COMMERCIAL POLICY

MADE ON DECEMBER 6, 1945

The Secretary of State of the United States has made public to-day a document settling forth certain "Proposals for consideration by an International Conference on trade and employment". These proposals have the endorsement of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States and have been submitted to other Governments as a basis for discussion, preliminary to the holding of such a conference.

Equally, the Government of the United Kingdom is in full agreement on all important points in these proposals and accepts them as a basis for international discussion, and it will, in common with the United States Government, use its best endeavours to bring such discussions to a successful conclusion, in the light of the views expressed by other countries.

The two Governments have also agreed upon the procedures for the international negotiation and implementation of these proposals. To this end they have undertaken to begin preliminary negotiations at an early date between themselves and with other countries for the purpose of developing concrete arrangements to carry out these proposals, including definitive measures for the relaxation of trade barriers of all kinds.

These negotiations will relate to tariffs and preferences, quantitative restrictions, subsidies, state trading, cartels, and other types of trade barriers treated in the document published by the United States and referred to above. The negotiations will proceed in accordance with the principles laid down in that document.