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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION WITH FRANCE ON INTENSIFICATION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS -
PARIS 16-17 JULY

BY LETTER DATED 19 JUNE THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE NOTIFIED A MODIFICATION IN ITS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS APPLIED FOR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS REASONS. THE NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN REPRODUCED IN DOCUMENT L/643.

THIS NOTIFICATION WAS REFERRED TO THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE AT THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE. THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THAT THE MODIFICATION CONSTITUTES A SUBSTANTIAL INTENSIFICATION OF THE RESTRICTIONS AND THEREFORE DECIDED TO INVITE THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECOND PART OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF ARTICLE XII:4(b).

THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED A WORKING PARTY TO CONDUCT THIS CONSULTATION, TO BE COMPOSED OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT THE ELEVENTH SESSION AND ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE CONSULTATION AND WHICH EXPRESS A WISH TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE WORKING PARTY.

THE CONSULTATION WILL BE HELD IN PARIS IN THE CHATEAU DE LA MUEPTE, RUE ANDRE PASCAL, ON 16 AND 17 JULY. THE FIRST MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 10.30 A.M. ON THE 16TH.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH WISH TO BE MEMBERS SHOULD SO INFORM ME AND SUBMIT THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. FURTHER, ANY CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH PROPOSE TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THE MEETING SHOULD COMMUNICATE TO ME THE NAMES OF SUCH PERSONS.

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