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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE XX -- UNITED STATES; CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIX  
EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON 9 NOVEMBER 1957 INCREASING UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE XIX OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT THE RATE OF DUTY ON SPRING CLOTHESPINS (L/757, L/758, SR.12/21) THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN HAS INFORMED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT IT WISHES TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN TO AVAIL ITSELF IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE OF THE CONSULTATIONS OF ITS RIGHT TO SUSPEND EQUIVALENT OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 3(a) OF ARTICLE XIX THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a).

ACCORDINGLY THE FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION IS BEING CIRCULATED TO ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY SUBMIT THEIR VOTE BY 23 APRIL 1958 AT THE LATEST.

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DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a) FOR NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING PARTIES OF ANY SUSPENSION OF OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS IN CONNEXION WITH THE INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES DUTIES ON CLOTHESPINS UNDER ARTICLE XIX.

CONSIDERING that on 9 November 1957 the Government of the United States took action under Article XIX to raise the rates of duty on spring clothespins bound under item No. 412 in Schedule XX,

CONSIDERING that the United States Government is consulting with other contracting parties in respect of this action with a view to reaching agreement, and

CONSIDERING that the said consultations will not have been completed in time for a government to avail itself, in the event of failure of the consultations, of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that the ninety-day period prescribed in Article XIX:3(a) shall begin to run as from the date of the completion of any such consultations.

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