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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE XX - UNITED STATES - CLINICAL THERMOMETERS
EXTENSION OF TIME-LIMIT IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON 21 APRIL 1958 INCREASING, UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE XIX OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT, THE RATE OF DUTY ON CLINICAL THERMOMETERS (L/803, L/803/Add.1 AND Corr.1) THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS INFORMED THE UNITED STATES THAT IT WISHES TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATION WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN 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 JAPAN HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME-LIMIT PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a).

ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION IS BEING SENT TO ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY SUBMIT THEIR VOTE BY 8 SEPTEMBER 1958 AT THE LATEST. CONTRACTING PARTIES WHOSE VOTES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THAT DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE DECISION.

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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 DUTY ON CLINICAL THERMOMETERS
UNDER ARTICLE XIX

CONSIDERING THAT ON 21 APRIL 1958 THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TOOK ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XIX TO RAISE THE RATE OF DUTY ON CLINICAL THERMOMETERS BOUND UNDER ITEM NO 218(a) 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 ON COMPENSATION, 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.