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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 1 NOVEMBER 1959 INCREASING UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE XIX OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT THE RATE OF DUTY ON STAINLESS STEEL TABLE FLATWARE (L/1076) THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT IT WISHES TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION.

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

ACCORDINGLY THE FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION IS HEREBY CIRCULATED TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY NOTIFY ME OF THEIR VOTE BY 18 FEBRUARY 1960 AT THE LATEST.

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 STAINLESS STEEL TABLE FLATWARE UNDER ARTICLE XIX.

CONSIDERING that on 1 November 1959 the Government of the United States took action under Article XIX to raise the rates of duty on specified stainless steel table flatware bound under item Nos. 339 and 355 in Part I of Schedule XX,

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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 consultation, of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that, with respect to the United States action referred to above, 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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