

GATT/AIR/195

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS

1. ACCORDING TO THE AGREED TIME-TABLE, THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS WAS TO MEET FROM 4 TO 16 JULY TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH FIVE CONTRACTING PARTIES, NAMELY FINLAND, FRANCE, GHANA, SWEDEN AND TURKEY. THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, GHANA AND SWEDEN HAVE NOTIFIED THAT THEY NO LONGER APPLY IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS GROUNDS. THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS ADVISED THAT COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR IT TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONSULTATION AT THIS TIME. BECAUSE OF RECENT CHANGES IN ITS IMPORT RESTRICTION SYSTEM, FINLAND HAD TO DELAY THE SUPPLY OF WRITTEN MATERIAL FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE "BASIC DOCUMENT" AND IS ALSO OF THE VIEW THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IF ITS CONSULTATION WERE LIKEWISE DEFERRED.

2. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES I HAVE AGREED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WITH TURKEY AND FINLAND BE POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER. CONSEQUENTLY, THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR JULY WILL NOT BE HELD. I SHALL, IN DUE COURSE, CIRCULATE A TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER.

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