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SUBJECT: THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
- FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD ON 19 TO 23 SEPTEMBER

AS AGREED AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION, THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, COMMENCING AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 1960. A LIST OF THE MEMBERS AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE FOUND IN DOCUMENT L/1243.

ALTHOUGH THE OPENING OF THE MEETING IS TWO MONTHS AWAY, IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF I WERE TO INDICATE NOW THE ITEMS WHICH I FORESEE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING.

I EXPECT THIS FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE DEVOTED VERY LARGELY TO A REVIEW OF THE QUESTIONS LIKELY TO ARISE AT THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION AND THAT THE COUNCIL WILL WISH TO DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING: (THE NOTES ON THESE ITEMS ARE THOSE WHICH WILL APPEAR IN THE ADVANCE AGENDA, L/1254.)

RESIDUAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

(a) PROCEDURES AND CONSULTATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS

IT WAS AGREED AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE NOTE SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION CONCERNING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS RETAINED AFTER THE END OF BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES (W.16/13).

(b) REVIEW OF "HARD-CORE" DECISION

IT WAS PROVIDED IN THE DECISION OF 19 NOVEMBER 1959 THAT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH A:1 OF THE DECISION OF 5 MARCH 1955 WOULD BE REVIEWED AT THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION.

PARIS ECONOMIC MEETINGS

IT WAS AGREED AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION THAT THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE RETAINED ON THE AGENDA. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WILL SUBMIT A REPORT.

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SUBSIDIES

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL CONSIDER WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE XVI. A PROPOSAL BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (W.16/7) WAS REFERRED TO THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION.

ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

IT WAS AGREED AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION THAT THIS ITEM SHOULD BE MAINTAINED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION, AT WHICH TIME THE CONTRACTING PARTIES CAN DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISH THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER WORK.

CONSULAR FORMALITIES

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WILL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED TOWARDS COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF 7 NOVEMBER 1952 (AS AMENDED ON 13 NOVEMBER 1957) AIMING AT THE ABOLITION OF CONSULAR FORMALITIES.

ITALIAN CUSTOMS TREATMENT FOR IMPORTS OF SOMALIAN PRODUCTS

THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY ANNOUNCED AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION THAT A REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF GATT OBLIGATIONS, TO PERMIT ITALY TO MAINTAIN SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT IN FAVOUR OF SOMALIAN PRODUCTS, WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION.

RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION C OF THE DECLARATION OF 25 MAY 1959, THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW "THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE OTHER PARTIES ON THE BASIS OF THIS DECLARATION AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS THE FULL APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT".

ACCEPTANCE OF GATT UNDER ARTICLE XXVI:4

ON THE SUGGESTION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AGREED TO INCLUDE THIS QUESTION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION.

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FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

- (a) AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 1959
- (b) FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1960
- (c) BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1961
- (d) ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SECRETARIAT

AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS MAY ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO
SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OR TO PROPOSE
PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE THEIR EXAMINATION DURING THE SESSION.

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