

GATT/AIR/218

1 FEBRUARY 1961

SUBJECT: MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 9 FEBRUARY 1961  
- CEYLON IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND TARIFF INCREASES

THE FOLLOWING CABLE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON ON 30 JANUARY:

"IN ORDER TO STOP A SERIOUS DECLINE IN MONETARY RESERVES THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON AS FROM 25 JANUARY HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO INTENSIFY SUBSTANTIALLY QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO RAISED DUTIES BEYOND BOUND LIMITS ON A LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS IN CEYLON'S SCHEDULE VI. SIXTY COPIES OF GAZETTE NOTIFICATION WHICH GIVE EFFECT TO THESE MEASURES ARE BEING AIRMAILED. GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH CONTRACTING PARTIES IN REGARD TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND TO CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE AND/OR CONSULT WITH CONTRACTING PARTIES AFFECTED BY THE INCREASE IN DUTIES."

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON 16 NOVEMBER 1960 (L/1394), I AM CONVENING THE COUNCIL AT 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY TO CONSIDER THIS COMMUNICATION AND THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON UNDER PARAGRAPH 12(a) OF ARTICLE XVIII. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

COPIES OF THE GAZETTE NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO IN THE CABLE QUOTED ABOVE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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