

GATT/AIR/225

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SUBJECT: POSTAL BALLOTS

- (1) RENEGOTIATION OF CONCESSIONS BY INDONESIA
- (2) CEYLON TEMPORARY DUTY INCREASES

THE COUNCIL, AT ITS MEETING FROM 22 FEBRUARY TO 3 MARCH, EXAMINED REQUESTS FROM INDONESIA AND CEYLON FOR WAIVERS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II IN CONNEXION WITH CERTAIN RECENT TARIFF ACTION. IN EACH CASE THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES THAT THE REQUESTED WAIVER BE GRANTED AND PROCEEDED TO PREPARE THE TEXT OF A DECISION, TO BE TAKEN UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE XXV, WHICH MIGHT BE PUT BEFORE THE CONTRACTING PARTIES FOR ADOPTION. THE TEXTS WERE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND I WAS INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THEM TO GOVERNMENTS FOR VOTING BY POSTAL BALLOT.

1. RENEGOTIATION OF CONCESSIONS BY INDONESIA

CERTAIN INCREASES IN CUSTOMS DUTIES ON ITEMS BOUND IN SCHEDULE XXI, WHICH WERE INTRODUCED IN CONNEXION WITH THE REVISION OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF, WERE REPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AT THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION (SR.17/10). THE QUESTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL AND WAS EXAMINED IN THE LIGHT OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENTS L/1361 AND ADD.1 AND 2. THE TEXT OF THE DECISION RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL IS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT C/W/15. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN CONTRACTING PARTIES, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, (BRAZIL, DENMARK, INDIA, JAPAN, RHODESIA AND NYASALAND, UNITED KINGDOM, URUGUAY) RECORDED FAVOURABLE VOTES ON BEHALF OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS. OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES (FOR WHOM COPIES OF C/W/15 ARE ATTACHED) AND REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME OF THEIR VOTES BY 10 APRIL 1961.

2. CEYLON TEMPORARY DUTY INCREASES

MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON IN CONNEXION WITH BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES, INCLUDING INCREASES IN BOUND RATES OF DUTY, WERE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL ON 9 FEBRUARY (L/1419 AND C/M/3). THE COUNCIL AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD GRANT CEYLON A WAIVER FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II. THE TEXT OF THE DECISION RECOMMENDED BY COUNCIL IS

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