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SUBJECT: COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE - MEETING OF STATISTICAL SUB-COMMITTEE 24-26 JANUARY 1962

DURING THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE FROM 8-13 JANUARY, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING POINTS MIGHT USEFULLY BE EXAMINED BY THE STATISTICAL SUB-COMMITTEE:

1. THE QUESTION OF DETERMINING BY WEIGHT THE PERCENTAGE OF THE FIBRE CONTENT REPRESENTED BY COTTON IN THE DEFINITION OF "COTTON TEXTILES" IN ARTICLE 10 OF THE DRAFT LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT (ANNEX OF L/1707);

2. IF THE APPROACH BY CATEGORIES WAS ADOPTED, THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT COULD ARISE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES FROM THE CLASSIFICATION PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES IN ANNEX D OF THE DRAFT LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE CLASSIFICATIONS;

3. THE AVAILABILITY OF STATISTICAL DATA TO CALCULATE THE CONSUMPTION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF COTTON TEXTILES IF THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN ALTERNATIVE A OF ANNEX B TO THE DRAFT ARRANGEMENT WAS ADOPTED;

4. THE METHOD OF DETERMINING "THE COMMON UNIT OF MEASUREMENT" REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE DRAFT LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT;

5. THE METHOD OF CALCULATING THE PERCENTAGE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE DRAFT LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT. SEE ALSO THE FOOTNOTE TO THE ARTICLE.

THE STATISTICAL SUB-COMMITTEE WILL ESTABLISH ITS AGENDA WHEN IT MEETS ON 24 JANUARY.

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