

GATT/AIR/275

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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC  
COMMUNITY AND GREECE

WHEN THE AGREEMENT OF 9 JULY 1961, CREATING AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GREECE AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WAS PRESENTED TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AT THEIR NINETEENTH SESSION IN NOVEMBER 1961, A WORKING PARTY WAS APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE AGREEMENT AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT. AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS AGREED THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ITS PROVISIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION. A TIME-TABLE FOR THIS PREPARATORY WORK WAS DRAWN UP WITH A VIEW TO ITS COMPLETION BEFORE THE WORKING PARTY WOULD MEET, AND THE DATE ENVISAGED FOR THE MEETING WAS 29 MARCH.

THE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY CONTRACTING PARTIES, AS SET OUT IN A CONSOLIDATED LIST IN DOCUMENTS L/1715 AND ADD.1, WERE TRANSMITTED TO THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT. THE TIME-TABLE PROVIDED FOR THE RECEIPT OF THE ANSWERS AND THEIR TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE FIXED FOR THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT AFTER THE DATE ENVISAGED AND IT IS NOT NOW EXPECTED THAT THE ANSWERS WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL AT THE EARLIEST. THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY. IN VIEW OF THE PROGRAMME OF OTHER MEETINGS ALREADY ESTABLISHED FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN EASTER AND THE END OF MAY, IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICABLE FOR THE WORKING PARTY TO MEET DURING THAT PERIOD, AND THEREFORE I PROPOSE TO SUGGEST TO THE COUNCIL, WHEN IT MEETS ON 21 MAY, THAT IT SHOULD FIX A NEW DATE FOR THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY.

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