

GATT/AIR/315

20 DEC 1962

SUBJECT: MEETING OF COUNCIL - 16 JANUARY 1963

IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA FOR AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO RENEGOTIATIONS, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE XXVIII, FOR THE MODIFICATION OF A CERTAIN CONCESSION IN THE AUSTRALIAN SCHEDULE - AS EXPLAINED IN GATT/AIR/312 (SECRET) - A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 1963, IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDED, DURING THE TWENTIETH SESSION, THAT A MEETING OF MINISTERS SHOULD BE CONVENED EARLY IN 1963. IT WAS LEFT FOR THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON THE TIMING, THE AGENDA AND THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MINISTERS MEETING AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAS REQUESTED TO CONVENE THE COUNCIL FOR THIS PURPOSE AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. IN GATT/AIR/311 IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD MEET TO CONSIDER THESE MATTERS TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY. I INTENDED TO FIX THE DATE FOR THE MEETING IN A CONVENING NOTICE WHICH I WISHED TO ISSUE EARLY IN JANUARY BUT IT NOW APPEARS THAT IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF THE COUNCIL ITSELF WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER AND DECIDE UPON THE DATE OF ITS NEXT MEETING. ALSO AT THE MEETING ON 16 JANUARY THE COUNCIL MIGHT GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE TIMING OF THE MEETINGS OF OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES WHICH SHOULD BE CONVENED DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH. IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THESE QUESTIONS, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING TO CONTINUE ON 17 JANUARY 1963.

REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME OF THE NAMES OF ANY ADVISERS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THEM AT THIS MEETING. CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS, NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS DESIRING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS SHOULD INFORM ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES NOT LATER THAN 14 JANUARY 1963.

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