

GATT/AIR/330

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SUBJECT: TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

THE MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING ON 21 MAY 1963 DECIDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE TO ELABORATE A TRADE NEGOTIATIONS PLAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO SUPERVISE THE CONDUCT OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS.

THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF ALL THOSE CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH ENVISAGE TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT THE FINAL DECISION OF SOME CONTRACTING PARTIES WHETHER OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IN CONNEXION WITH THE VARIOUS MATTERS WHICH ARE REFERRED TO IT.

THOSE CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH, IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ADVISE ME BY 10 JUNE 1963. SHOULD SOME CONTRACTING PARTIES PREFER TO DELAY REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE TIME BEING THEY COULD, IF THEY SO WISHED, BE ADDED TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AT A LATER STAGE.

I SHALL ADDRESS TO YOU IN THE COURSE A FURTHER COMMUNICATION ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE. MY PRESENT INTENTION IS TO CONVENE THIS MEETING LATE IN JUNE OR AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY 1963.

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