

GATT/AIR/332

5 JUNE 1963

SUBJECT: MEETING OF COUNCIL, 19-21 JUNE 1963

THE COUNCIL AT ITS LAST MEETING AGREED TO RE-CONVENE ON 24-28 JUNE. HOWEVER, IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEED TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OF THE CEREALS GROUP DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA I HAVE DECIDED TO CONVENE THE COUNCIL ON 19-21 JUNE. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE ILO COUNCIL ROOM, GENEVA, COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON 19 JUNE.

THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCLUSIONS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY MINISTERS:

A. APPOINTMENT OF ACTION COMMITTEE

IT IS CLEAR THAT IN ORDER EFFECTIVELY TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES MINISTERS HAD IN MIND THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD PREFERABLY BE A SMALL ONE WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION. IT IS HOPED THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF GIVING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THIS MATTER IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND THAT THERE WILL BE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WHICH THE COUNCIL CAN CONSIDER.

B. PLANS FOR FURTHER WORK OF COMMITTEE III (SEE, IN PARTICULAR, MIN(63)7 AND L/1925).

C. APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF PREFERENCES (MIN(63)7, PARAGRAPHS 24 AND 31).

D. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON THE LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE GATT IN RELATION TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (MIN(63)7, PARAGRAPHS 28-31).

2. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE ON CONSULTATIONS WITH BURMA, CHILE, FINLAND, INDONESIA AND TURKEY.

3. CHILEAN IMPORT SURCHARGES

CONSIDERATION OF CHILE'S REQUEST FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE DECISION OF 27 MAY 1959 (L/1930).

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4. RESIDUAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

A DOCUMENT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

5. SUBSIDIES AND STATE TRADING

REVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS (L/1948 AND L/1949 AND ADDENDA).

6. RELATIONS WITH POLAND

SECOND ANNUAL REVIEW UNDER THE DECLARATION OF 9 NOVEMBER 1959.

7. TURKISH STAMP DUTY

AT ITS LAST MEETING THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED A COMMUNICATION WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT L/1988 FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY REQUESTING THE GRANTING OF A WAIVER UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XXV:5 TO ENABLE TURKEY TO MAINTAIN THE 5 PER CENT STAMP DUTY ON ALL IMPORTS (INCLUDING BOUND ITEMS) WHICH HAD BEEN INTRODUCED ON 1 MARCH 1963. THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO CONSIDER THE TURKISH REQUEST AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

8. UNITED STATES TARIFF SIMPLIFICATION

THE UNITED STATES WERE GRANTED AUTHORITY BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF 24-31 MAY 1962 (C/M/10) TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF CONCESSIONS AS A RESULT OF THE UNITED STATES TARIFF CLASSIFICATION ACT OF 1962. AS THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE COMPLETED BY 31 AUGUST 1963, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ASKING FOR A WAIVER OF ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO ENABLE IT TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF WITHOUT HAVING COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE GATT PROCEDURES.

DECISIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXV:5 MUST BE TAKEN BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WHO, IN CASES OF WAIVERS OF THIS KIND, ACT PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED ON 1 NOVEMBER 1956 (BISD, 5TH SUPPL. PAGE 25). ANY DRAFT DECISION PREPARED BY THE COUNCIL WILL ACCORDINGLY BE SUBMITTED FOR A VOTE BY EACH CONTRACTING PARTY. REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO CAST THEIR VOTES AT THE END OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. CONTRACTING PARTIES NOT REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING, OR THOSE UNABLE TO VOTE AT THE MEETING WILL RECEIVE BALLOT PAPERS ENABLING THEM TO VOTE BY POST. THE DRAFT DECISION WILL HAVE BEEN ADOPTED ON THE DAY IT RECEIVES FAVOURABLE VOTES FROM TWO THIRDS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

9. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME OF THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR DELEGATIONS FOR 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 BY 17 JUNE 1963.

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