

COPY FOR INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF ACTION COMMITTEE

1. WHEN DISCUSSING THE PROCEDURAL STEPS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE ACTION COMMITTEE IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD ENSURE OPTIMAL ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICACY AND ADEQUATE, THOUGH POSSIBLY LIMITED, REPRESENTATION, THE COUNCIL DECIDED THAT THE ENQUIRY REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN TWO STAGES. FOR THIS PURPOSE GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEE WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP BY 29 JULY, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE REQUESTS WOULD BE NOTIFIED TO CONTRACTING PARTIES TO ENABLE THEM, ON THE BASIS OF THE REQUESTS SUBMITTED, TO REVIEW THEIR POSITION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMITTEE, KEEPING IN MIND THE DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A REPRESENTATIVE BUT EFFICIENT BODY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY AIRGRAM (GATT/AIR/336) OF 9 JULY, REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMITTEE, THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTS HAVE INDICATED THAT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A LARGE OR SMALL COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED, THEY WOULD WISH TO BE MEMBERS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE:

BRAZIL	ITALY	TUNISIA
GERMANY, FED.REP.OF	NETHERLANDS	UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC
CHILE	NIGERIA	UNITED KINGDOM
GHANA	PAKISTAN	UNITED STATES
INDIA	PERU	UPPER VOLTA
INDONESIA	SPAIN	URUGUAY
ISRAEL	SWEDEN	YUGOSLAVIA

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL WISH TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IF THE COMMITTEE IS TO BE A LARGE ONE:

ARGENTINA	CANADA	NORWAY
AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	RHODESIA AND NYASALAND
AUSTRIA	JAPAN	TANGANYIKA

THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW REQUESTED TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY WISH TO CONFIRM THEIR DESIRE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER, IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESPONSES SET OUT ABOVE, THEY WOULD ALSO WISH TO REQUEST MEMBERSHIP.

4. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS FROM 9-13 SEPTEMBER, COMMENCING AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER. AN INDICATION OF THE SUBJECT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AT THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN GATT/AIR/338 OF 11 JULY. GOVERNMENTS WHICH DECIDE TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE, AND ALSO OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS, ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME BY 4 SEPTEMBER OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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