

SUBJECT: MEETING OF COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES, 12 DECEMBER

IN THE PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AGREED UPON IN OCTOBER PROVISION WAS MADE FOR A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 12 AND 13 DECEMBER. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, BEGINNING AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK IF NECESSARY.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CURRENT PROGRAMME OF GATT ACTIVITIES

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WILL MAKE A PROGRESS REPORT.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

(a) THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (L/2064) WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

(b) A NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON CONFERENCE AND SECRETARIAT ACCOMMODATION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

(a) THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS WILL SUBMIT REPORTS ON ITS CONSULTATIONS WITH BURMA, ISRAEL, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND YUGOSLAVIA.

(b) ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATIONS IN 1964.

RELATIONS WITH POLAND

REPORT ON SECOND REVIEW UNDER DECLARATION OF 9 NOVEMBER 1959 (L/2058).

CEYLON - APPLICATION UNDER ARTICLE XVIII

THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF A RELEASE GRANTED UNDER SECTION C OF ARTICLE XVIII (L/2082) WHICH EXPIRED ON 27 AUGUST 1963.

NEW ZEALAND SCHEDULE

THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND HAS REQUESTED A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE TIME-LIMIT IN THE DECISION OF 4 JUNE 1960 (L/2086) WHICH EXPIRES ON 31 DECEMBER 1963.

INDIAN IMPORT SURCHARGES

A STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON THE SURCHARGES IMPOSED HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT L/2060. THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS WILL REPORT ON THE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS ASPECTS OF THE SURCHARGES.

URUGUAYAN IMPORT SURCHARGES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF 20 JULY 1963 (L/2041) THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DEAL WITH THE URUGUAYAN REQUEST FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE DECISION OF 8 MAY 1961 WHICH EXPIRES ON 31 DECEMBER 1963.

EQUATORIAL CUSTOMS UNION/CAMEROON

THE CONVENTION ESTABLISHING THIS CUSTOMS UNION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR EXAMINATION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE XXIV:7(a) (L/2061). A QUESTION CONCERNING THE SCHEDULE OF GABON REQUIRES ATTENTION (L/2061, PAGE 2).

PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISIONAL ACCESSION AND FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 1963. THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION FOR A FURTHER TWO YEARS.

NEWLY-INDEPENDENT STATES

THE DE FACTO APPLICATION OF THE GATT UNDER THE DECISION OF 14 NOVEMBER 1962 IS TO BE REVIEWED BEFORE THE END OF 1963. THE GOVERNMENTS OF CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE) AND NIGER HAVE REQUESTED A FURTHER EXTENSION OF DE FACTO APPLICATION.

CHAIRMANSHIP OF ICCICA

THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN EXPIRES AT THE END OF 1963.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 1964

SINCE THE CONTRACTING PARTIES MAY NOT BE IN SESSION UNTIL 24 FEBRUARY, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN APPROVAL BY BALLOT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND OF THE RESOLUTION ANNEXED TO THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT. THEREFORE CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE URGED TO AUTHORIZE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO VOTE ON THEIR BEHALF ON ALL QUESTIONS RAISED IN DOCUMENT L/2064 WHICH REQUIRE SPECIFIC APPROVAL. ON A NUMBER OF OTHER QUESTIONS LISTED ABOVE, THE COUNCIL MAY DECIDE TO SUBMIT DECISIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE XXV FOR FORMAL APPROVAL BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND IN THESE CASES ALSO GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO AUTHORIZE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE ON THEIR BEHALF.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME BY 11 DECEMBER OF THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR DELEGATIONS. 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.

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