

AIRGRAM

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Your telegram 269 dated 16 January in which you give your Government's views on the question of consultations under Article XII:4 (b) between the Contracting Parties and the Governments of the United Kingdom and France has been received. The meeting of the ad hoc Committee on Agenda and Intersessional Business lasted only two days, the 14 and 15 January. Since your telegram arrived the day after the meeting closed, it has been added as an annex to the Summary Record of the meeting.

The Committee considered whether the new restrictions announced by the United Kingdom in November 1951 require consultations with the Contracting Parties under Article XII. This question was deferred for further consideration on another occasion in view of the fact that discussions through the O.E.E.C. have been or will be held between the United Kingdom and the European countries principally concerned, and that the Contracting Parties will in any event engage in consultations with the United Kingdom under Article XIV:1 (g) at the Seventh Session on the discriminatory application of its import restrictions.

The Committee decided that any further intensification which might appear to require consultations under Article XII:4 (b) will be referred to the next meeting of the Intersessional Committee to be held in Geneva on 25 February, or if after that to the following meeting to take place six weeks prior to the opening of the Seventh Session; if, however, it appears to the Chairman and the Executive Secretary that injury to the trade of other contracting parties is likely to result from any act of intensification, a special meeting of the Intersessional Committee will be convened.

The Summary Records of the meeting which took place this week will be sent to you in the usual way.

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