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28 JANUARY 1954

SUBJECT: CONVENING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND INTERSESSIONAL BUSINESS ON 18 FEBRUARY 1954

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND INTERSESSIONAL BUSINESS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1954 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA REPORTED IN DOCUMENT SECRET/7. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 11 A.M. AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

THE REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE REPORT (G/54) ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AT THEIR EIGHTH SESSION IN OCTOBER 1953. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IS ASKING FOR AUTHORITY TO RENEGOTIATE NINE ITEMS IN SCHEDULE XII, NAMELY TARIFF NUMBERS 16(1), 16(3), 22(3), 28(30), 30(12), 30(13), 45(3), 60(4) and 71(10).

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH WHICH THESE CONCESSIONS WERE ORIGINALLY NEGOTIATED ARE: BENELUX, CANADA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES. THIS REQUEST WAS RECEIVED ON 25 JANUARY AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA OF ITS DECISION NOT LATER THAN 24 FEBRUARY.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE ASKED TO INFORM ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD NOTIFY THE NAMES OF ANY OBSERVERS THEY PROPOSE TO SEND TO THE MEETING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL CO-OPT AS FULL MEMBERS ANY CONTRACTING PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED.

E. WYNDHAM WHITE

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