

GATT/AIR/503

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SUBJECT: CANADA/UNITED STATES AGREEMENT ON AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

AT ITS MEETING ON 19 OCTOBER THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED A REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A WAIVER FROM CERTAIN GATT OBLIGATIONS IN CONNEXION WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING TRADE IN AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS WHICH HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION DURING THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES. THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A WORKING PARTY WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE XXV OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT, TO WAIVE ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE I OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT TO PERMIT IT TO ELIMINATE CUSTOMS DUTIES AND OTHER CHARGES IMPOSED ON OR IN CONNEXION WITH THE IMPORTATION OF AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS OF CANADA WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO EXTEND THE SAME TREATMENT TO LIKE PRODUCTS OF ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY, AND TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL WITH APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL IN CONNEXION WITH THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT C/762. THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY WHICH EXAMINED THE AGREEMENT DURING THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION WAS DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT L/2409.

THE WORKING PARTY WILL MEET IN GENEVA BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER. CONTRACTING PARTIES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT AND ADVISE THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES NOT LATER THAN 1 NOVEMBER. OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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