

15 MARCH 1968

SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONVENE THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER THEIR REQUEST THAT A WORKING PARTY BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES FACED BY A NUMBER OF CONTRACTING PARTIES, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EFFECTS OF BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS, THE WORKING PARTY SHALL EXAMINE THE RELEVANT GATT RULES AND THE PRACTICES OF CONTRACTING PARTIES UNDER THOSE RULES WITH A VIEW TO RECOMMENDING TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SUCH AMENDMENTS OR INTERPRETATIONS AS THEY FIND TO BE APPROPRIATE.

ACCORDINGLY, I PROPOSE THAT A MEETING BE HELD AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS ON WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH BEGINNING AT 3 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE AGENDA:

1. THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES
2. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
 - (a) REPORT ON CONSULTATION WITH ICELAND (BOP/R/19)
 - (b) PROGRAMME OF CONSULTATIONS IN 1968 (C/76)
3. RECTIFICATION AND MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULES

DRAFT DECISION ON PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFICATION (L/2975)
4. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
 - (a) ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVANCES TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND (L/2952)
 - (b) FINAL 1967 BUDGET POSITION (L/2992)
5. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL
6. OTHER BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME BY 25 MARCH 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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