

14 AUGUST 1968

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS

1. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS WILL CONVENE IN GENEVA ON 9 SEPTEMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT CONSULTATIONS WITH SPAIN AND GHANA CONCERNING BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.

2. THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAMME IS PLANNED:

GHANA - 3 P.M. 9 SEPTEMBER
SPAIN - 3 P.M. 11 SEPTEMBER

3. THE CONSULTATION WITH GHANA WILL BE THE FIRST OF THE EXPANDED CONSULTATIONS WHICH WERE DECIDED UPON BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION AS A MEANS OF FOCUSING ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEM OF EXPANSION OF EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SPECIAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL IS BEING PREPARED AND IT IS HOPED THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL COME PREPARED FOR A DISCUSSION IN DEPTH OF GHANA'S EXPORT PROBLEMS AND WAYS IN WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS. THE CONSULTATION IS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE SEVERAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH MIGHT COMPLETE ITS WORK ON BOTH CONSULTATIONS BY 13 SEPTEMBER.

4. BASIC DOCUMENTS FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED IN THE USUAL MANNER.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE IS SHOWN IN L/2248.

6. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE CONSULTING CONTRACTING PARTIES, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS AT THIS MEETING, ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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