

GATT/AIR/70

3 AUGUST 1955

SUBJECT: TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS, JANUARY 1956

BY LETTER DATED 14 JULY I DREW THE ATTENTION OF CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON TARIFF REDUCTION THAT THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD CONVENE A TARIFF NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE TO BEGIN IN JANUARY 1956 AND I INVITED GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN SUCH A CONFERENCE TO NOTIFY ME OF THEIR INTENTIONS BY 31 JULY. TO DATE THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTS HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE:

AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	ITALY	NORWAY
AUSTRIA	GERMANY	JAPAN	SWEDEN
BELGIUM	GREECE	LUXEMBURG	UNITED KINGDOM
CUBA	HAITI	NETHERLANDS	UNITED STATES

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS READY TO PARTICIPATE BUT EXPECTS THAT THE SCOPE OF ITS NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LIMITED.

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS: THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND IS STILL CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION, BUT HAS INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IT WILL NEGOTIATE WITH IT. THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IS IN PRINCIPLE READY TO TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE BUT HAS NOT YET TAKEN A FINAL DECISION. THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ADVISED THAT IT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF ITS PARTICIPATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA WILL NOT TAKE PART IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY WILL ALSO ABSTAIN UNLESS THE RULES FOR NEGOTIATION OR THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE TO AFFECT CONCESSIONS GRANTED TO TURKEY.

NO COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF:

BRAZIL	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	NICARAGUA	RHODESIA & NYASALAND
BURMA	FRANCE	PAKISTAN	UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
CANADA *	NEW ZEALAND	PERU	URUGUAY
CEYLON			

ANY OF THESE GOVERNMENTS WHICH INTEND TO PARTICIPATE ARE ASKED TO INFORM ME WITHOUT DELAY AS I PROPOSE TO ISSUE A DOCUMENT ON 15 AUGUST GIVING A LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.

ALL GOVERNMENTS INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE ARE REMINDED THAT PRELIMINARY LISTS OF PRODUCTS ON WHICH THEY INTEND TO REQUEST CONCESSIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY 15 AUGUST.

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\* A LATE COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INDICATES THAT CANADA SHOULD BE LISTED AMONG THE COUNTRIES INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE