

7 MARCH 1969

SUBJECT: WORKING PARTY ON MALAWI SCHEDULE

IN THE DECISION OF 20 NOVEMBER 1967 (15S/89) THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDED TO EXAMINE THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF ANY CHANGES IN PREFERENTIAL MARGINS ARISING OUT OF THE NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF OF MALAWI. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI HAS ARRANGED FOR A DELEGATION TO BE IN GENEVA AS FROM 18 MARCH TO ASSIST IN THIS EXAMINATION, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW SCHEDULE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THAT DECISION. THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO APPOINT A SMALL WORKING PARTY TO CARRY OUT THIS EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

IN ORDER TO AVOID CONVENING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PRIOR TO 18 MARCH JUST TO APPOINT A WORKING PARTY FOR THIS PURPOSE, I PROPOSE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, THAT THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTING PARTIES BE INVITED TO MEET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MALAWI AND THAT THEIR APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF A WORKING PARTY BE CONFIRMED AT THE COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING:

CANADA	INDIA	SOUTH AFRICA
CHILE	IVORY COAST	SWEDEN
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY	JAPAN	UNITED KINGDOM
	NIGERIA	UNITED STATES

ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXAMINATION WILL BE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS GROUP. MR. R. PELTONEN, OF FINLAND, HAS AGREED TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN. IT WILL HAVE AS ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE:

"TO EXAMINE THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF ANY CHANGES IN PREFERENTIAL MARGINS ARISING OUT OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI ON 1 JANUARY 1967 AND REPORT TO THE COUNCIL."

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS AT 3 P.M. ON 18 MARCH. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, AND CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED AS OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES BY 15 MARCH.

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