

**AIRGRAM**

**TÉLÉGRAMME PAR AVION**

23 OCT 1956

GATT/AIR/99

SUBJECT: CONVENING OF A REGIONAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS PARTIES TO THE GATT

AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES I HAVE DECIDED TO CONVENE A REGIONAL MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS WHICH ARE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE AT SANTIAGO AT THE SAME TIME AS THE MEETING OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA I.E. DURING THE WEEK FROM 19 TO 24 NOVEMBER AND PREFERABLY ON TUESDAY 20. THE OBJECT OF THIS MEETING IS TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF LATIN AMERICA TO HEAR A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE WORK DONE BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO GATT AT THE PRESENT SESSION. THERE WOULD BE NO DEFINITE AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING BUT ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE FREE TO DISCUSS ANY POINT CONNECTED WITH GATT ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THEIR COUNTRIES.

I SHOULD BE VERY GLAD IF YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO DESIGNATE AN OBSERVER WHO WOULD ATTEND THIS REGIONAL MEETING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GATT MEETINGS ALL OBSERVERS WOULD BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

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