URUGUAYAN IMPORT SURCHARGES

Extension of Waiver

The following draft decision is circulated in order to facilitate the considera­
tion by the Council of the request (document L/3546) by Uruguay for a further extension
of the Decision of 8 May 1961\(^1\) authorizing Uruguay to maintain import surcharges on
duties bound in Schedule XXXI - Uruguay.

Draft Decision

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES by Decision of 8 May 1961\(^1\) waived,
subject to specified terms and conditions, the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II
of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to allow the Government of Uruguay to
apply the import surcharges provided for in its Decree of 29 September 1960, as a
temporary measure taken as part of and in conjunction with its stabilization and
development programme, to those items specified in Schedule XXXI enumerated in the
table annexed to that Decision, on the understanding that the surcharges belevied in
a manner consistent with the provisions of Article I of the General Agreement;

Considering that the above-mentioned Decision was successively extended by
by Decision of 23 March 1965 and further extended by Decisions of 14 December 1965,
17 November 1967, 26 July 1968, 20 February 1970 and 28 August 1970\(^2\), until the end of
the first regular session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in 1971 or until 30 June 1971,
whichever is the earlier;

Considering that a partial revision of the system of import surcharges has been
affected through a decrees of 4 June 1971, the details of which have not yet been made
available to the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

\(^1\)BISD, Tenth Supplement, page 51
\(^2\)L/3435
Considering that the Government of Uruguay has requested an extension of the above-mentioned Decision for a period of four months in order that contracting parties would be able to carry out a careful and detailed examination of the revision of the surcharges on the basis of full information to be supplied by the Government of Uruguay;

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement, and in accordance with the procedures adopted by them on 1 November 1956,

Decide that the Government of Uruguay be authorized to maintain until 1 November 1971 the surcharges at present applied by it subject to the relevant terms and conditions of the Decision of 8 May 1961.