CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY COUNCIL

The following draft of conclusions reached by the Council on items of its agenda are submitted for approval. (It should be understood that, in the minutes of the Council's meeting, the following paragraphs will be preceded by a short statement of the problem under discussion and by a note on the trend of the discussion.)

Item 3. Meeting of Ministers

/Still under discussion by the Council/

Item 4. Residual import restrictions

The Council agreed that it was too early for it to carry out a full review of the operation of the procedures for dealing with residual import restrictions adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the seventeenth session. In this connexion the Council again invited those contracting parties which had not done so to communicate lists of import restrictions which they still maintain and expressed the hope that such lists would be communicated before the nineteenth session. The Council proposed that, subject to the approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, it should carry out the review of the operation of the procedures at an appropriate time in 1962.

Item 5. South African import restrictions

The Council agreed that, in the light of the statements of the representatives of Sweden and South Africa, this item could be considered as having been disposed of.

Item 6. European Economic Community

(a) Examination of the Common Tariff under Article XXIV:5(a)

/Still under discussion by the Council/

(b) Association of Overseas Territories

The Council noted that, at the request of certain contracting parties, this item would appear on the provisional agenda of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for the nineteenth session.
Item 7. Central American Free Trade Area

The Council agreed that, a Working Party should be established with instructions to report to the nineteenth session. (The same Working Party will deal with the question of Nicaraguan import duties (item 14(d) below).)

Item 8. Marketing of butter in the United Kingdom

The Council noted the report (L/1514) on the second consultation under Article XXV, which was held in June 1961. It also took note of the comments made by the Executive Secretary, for the information of the Council, on the subsequent consultations under Article XXII held in September.

The Council noted that, at the request of New Zealand, an item entitled "Long-term solutions to butter marketing problems" will be included on the provisional agenda for the nineteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Item 9. Arrangements regarding international trade in cotton textiles

The Council agreed to draw the attention of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to its decision, at the Council's meeting on 16 June 1961, to convene a meeting on arrangements regarding international trade in cotton textiles and to the report on that meeting given to the Council by the Executive Secretary. The Council noted that the CONTRACTING PARTIES had been requested to establish the Cotton Textile Committee at the nineteenth session.

Item 10. Impact of commodity problems on international trade

The Council agreed that the points which had been raised in the Council's discussion of this item should be brought to the attention of the Working Party on Commodities, which will meet early in the nineteenth session.

Item 11. Disposal of commodity surpluses

The Council agreed that this item should be included on the agenda for the nineteenth session and that the suggestions made by contracting parties during the Council's discussion of this item should be brought to the attention of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Item 12. Relations with Yugoslavia

The Council agreed that the second review of relations with Yugoslavia under the Declaration of 25 May 1959 should be carried out during the nineteenth session.

Item 13. Italian special customs treatment for Libyan products

The Council agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that, at the nineteenth session, they grant the request of the Government of Italy for a
further extension of the waiver under the Decision of 9 October 1952 until 31 December 1964. The Executive Secretary will submit a draft decision for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the nineteenth session.

Item 14. Reports under waivers

(a) **Ceylon - temporary duty increases**

The Council agreed that the minutes of the Council's discussion should constitute the report on the consultation with Ceylon. The Council also agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that they take note of the report (L/1551) of the Government of Ceylon and that they approve the report on the consultation.

(b) **France and Germany - trade relations with the Saar**

The Council agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that they take note of the reports (L/1534, L/1552) submitted by the Governments of France and the Federal Republic of Germany.

(c) **Indonesia - renegotiation of Schedule**

The Council agreed that, as many of the renegotiations were still in progress, discussion of this item should be referred to the nineteenth session. In the meantime, the Council invited the Government of Indonesia to submit a supplementary report prior to the opening of the nineteenth session.

(d) **Nicaragua - import duties**

The Council agreed that this item be referred to the Working Party established to deal with the question of the Central American Free Trade Area (item 7 above).

(e) **Peru - import duties**

The Council agreed, at the request of the Government of Peru, that the consideration of this item should be referred to the nineteenth session.

(f) **Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland - United Kingdom territories**

The Council agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that they take note of the report (L/1542) submitted by the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

(g) **United Kingdom - Article I**

The Council agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that they take note of the report (L/1543) submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom.
(h) United Kingdom - dependent territories

The Council agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that they take note of the report (L/1544) submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom.

(i) Uruguay - import surcharges

The Council agreed that the minutes of the Council's discussion should constitute the report on the consultation with Uruguay. The Council also agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that they take note of the report (L/1569) of the Government of Uruguay and that they approve the report on the consultation.

Item 15. Consular formalities

Not yet discussed by the Council.

Item 16. Financial and administrative questions

The Council approved the Working Party's report (L/1562), including the recommendations contained in it, for submission to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the nineteenth session.

Item 17. Preparations for nineteenth session

Not yet discussed by the Council.

Item 18. Haitian tariff reform

Still under discussion by the Council.

Item 19. Progress in tariff negotiations

The Council noted the comments of the Executive Secretary as Chairman of the Tariff Negotiations Committee and the other views expressed in the Council.