The following is the text of the Decision taken by the Council of Representatives on 5 July 1968:

The Council,

Reaffirming its confidence in the General Agreement as the contractual basis for the trading relationships of contracting parties and noting the determination of contracting parties to continue to co-operate in the trade field within the framework of the Agreement,

Noting:

the communication of the Government of France reproduced in L/3035 and the additional clarifications given by the French representative,

the unique complex of circumstances which led the Government of France to introduce the measures, including the long stop in production in May and June and the immediate and considerable increase in the production costs of enterprises,

the fact that the measures have been introduced for a limited period of time i.e. until 1 November 1968 in the case of quantitative import restrictions on motor vehicles; until 31 December 1968 in the case of quantitative import restrictions on certain electrical domestic appliances, iron and steel products and certain categories of textile products; and until 31 January 1969 in the case of export aids on products other than agricultural and energy products,

the fact that the measures are, in some cases, degressive,

the fact that these measures will be applied without discrimination,

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the fact that the Government of France has reaffirmed its commitments undertaken during the trade negotiations concluded on 30 June 1967 and has carried out the first tariff reductions on 1 July 1968,

Decides, without prejudice to the legal issues involved, to appoint a Working Party to examine the trade measures taken by the Government of France and their implications, taking into account the discussion on the matter in the Council, to present a first report to the Council by 19 July 1968, and to continue to be available for consultations as necessary, and

Declares that nothing in this Decision affects the rights of contracting parties under the General Agreement.