GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

GOVERNMENTS SUBSTANTIALLY INTERESTED IN TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES TO MEET ON 17 JULY 1961 AT GENEVA

1. At its meeting on 16 June the GATT Council of Representatives considered a request by the United States Government that a meeting of high-level officials of countries substantially interested in the importation and exportation of cotton textile products should be convened in the latter part of July, "with a view to reaching agreement on arrangements for the orderly development of the trade in such products, so as progressively to increase the export possibilities of less-developed countries and territories and of Japan, while at the same time avoiding disruptive conditions in import markets". The Council concluded that a meeting should take place at the earliest possible moment, taking into account the need for adequate preparation (see press release GATT/590).

2. It has now been decided that the meeting will be held in the Palais des Nations during the week of 17-21 July, and will open at 3 p.m. on Monday, 17 July.

3. The following governments have been invited to take part in the meeting:

- Australia
- Austria
- Canada
- India
- Japan
- Pakistan
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Member States of the European Economic Community

The Commission of the European Economic Community has also been invited.

The Executive Secretary of GATT has invited the Secretary-General of the OEEC/OECD to participate and collaborate in the meeting. (OEEC: Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, which will be replaced by OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development).

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