The Contracting Parties at the close of the Sixth Session adopted a Resolution on the United States Import Restrictions on Dairy Products imposed under Section 10A of the United States Defense Production Act. The text of the Resolution, which was adopted with one abstention, is given below. (For an account of this item earlier in the Session see releases 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43).

Addressing the Contracting Parties before the Resolution was adopted, Mr. John Leddy, United States, said that since the United States statement made on September 24 regarding the proposed repeal of Section 10A of the Defense Production Act, the United States government had continued its efforts. Unfortunately this period had been the closing weeks of a session of the Congress and the press of very important business had prevented the Bill to repeal Section 10A from getting to the point of action. The next occasion for repeal of Section 10A would be the session of Congress which would begin early in January 1952. Mr. Leddy said that the United States government continued to give a very high priority to such repeal, among the matters which it would advise the Congress to act upon. He assured the Contracting Parties that the United States government would continue to treat this as a matter of urgency and he hoped that Congress would decide to deal with the question early in its next session.

RESOLUTION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON THE UNITED STATES IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON DAIRY PRODUCTS IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE UNITED STATES DEFENCE PRODUCTION ACT

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

TAKING NOTE of the statement made on September 24 by the United States representative regarding Section 104 of the United States Defense Production Act under which the United States Government has imposed restrictions on the importation into the United States of a number of dairy products;

TAKING NOTE with satisfaction of the strong determination on the part of the United States Government, as indicated in this statement, to seek repeal of Section 104 of the Defense Production Act, and of the speedy action taken looking toward such repeal;

TAKING NOTE of the further statement on October 26 by the United States representative reporting that such action had not yet resulted in such repeal;

RECOGNIZING that concessions granted by the United States Government to contracting parties under the General Agreement have been nullified or impaired within the meaning of Article XXIII of the General Agreement and that the import restrictions in question constitute an infringement of Article XI of the Agreement;

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RECOGNIZING FURTHER that a large number of contracting parties have indicated that they have suffered serious damage as a result of this nullification or impairment, and that the circumstances are serious enough to justify recourse by those contracting parties to paragraph 2 of Article XXIII;

RESOLVE, without prejudice to the rights of any contracting party under paragraph 2 of Article XXIII,

TO COUNSEL the contracting parties affected, in view of the continuing determination of the United States Government to seek the repeal of Section 104 of the United States Defense Production Act and the high priority and urgency which it has stated it will give to further action to this end, to afford to the United States Government a reasonable period of time, as it has requested, in order to rectify the situation through such repeal; and

TO REQUEST the United States Government to report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at as early a date as possible, and any case not later than the opening of the Seventh Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, on the action which it has taken.