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Increase in United States Duty on Dried Figs: Turkey
to take Compensatory Measures

Earlier in the Seventh Session the Delegation of Greece, supported by the delegations of Italy and Turkey, drew attention to the effect on their export trade of the increase in the United States import duty on dried figs to 4½ cents per pound on 30 August 1952. (The former duty was 2½ cents per pound, which was a concession granted to Turkey at the 1951 Torquay negotiations.) The United States delegate expressed sympathy with the situation in the affected countries and accepted the obligation to consult with the delegations of those countries with a view to restoring the balance affected by the withdrawal of the concession.

Consultations were held and, as a result, the Contracting Parties have adopted a Resolution, which was proposed by Greece, Turkey and the United States. Under the terms of the Resolution,

(a) the United States Government has undertaken to request the United States Tariff Commission to review the facts in the matter as early as practicable and in any case in time for consideration of the results of such a review at the Eighth Session.

(b) the Turkish Government has decided to apply to the trade of the United States, provisional modifications in the rates of certain Turkish import duties, to be effective only for the period during which the United States continues the increased duty on dried figs.

(c) the United States and Greece have initiated a study of the trade of the United States with Greece to determine whether the United States might make provisional concessions to compensate Greece.