SUBJECT: SCHEDULE XX - UNITED STATES: CONSULTATIONS UNDER
ARTICLE XIX: EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT ON 1 NOVEMBER 1959 INCREASING UNDER THE TERMS OF
ARTICLE XIX OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT THE RATE OF DUTY ON STAINLESS
STEEL TABLE FLATWARE (L/1076) THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT IT WISHES TO ENTER INTO
CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS WILL NOT BE
COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO AVAIL ITSELF IN
THE EVENT OF FAILURE OF THE CONSULTATIONS OF ITS RIGHT TO SUSPEND
EQUIVALENT OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 3(a)
OF ARTICLE XIX THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION
OF THE TIME LIMIT PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a).

ACCORDINGLY THE FOLLOWING DRAFT DECISION IS HEREBY CIRCULATED
TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY NOTIFY ME OF
THEIR VOTE BY 16 FEBRUARY 1960 AT THE LATEST.

DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a) FOR
NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING PARTIES OF ANY SUSPENSION OF
OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS IN CONNE XION WITH THE INCREASE
IN THE UNITED STATES DUTIES ON STAINLESS STEEL TABLE
FLATWARE UNDER ARTICLE XIX.

CONSIDERING that on 1 November 1959 the Government of the
United States took action under Article XIX to raise the rates of
duty on specified stainless steel table flatware bound under
item Nos. 339 and 355 in Part I of Schedule XX,
CONSIDERING that the United States Government is consulting with other contracting parties in respect of this action with a view to reaching agreement on compensation, and

CONSIDERING that the said consultations will not have been completed in time for a government to avail itself, in the event of failure of the consultation, of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that, with respect to the United States action referred to above, the ninety-day period prescribed in Article XIX:3(a) shall begin to run as from the date of the completion of any such consultations.

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