SUBJECT: SIX POSTAL BALLOTS

The Council of Representatives at its meeting on 12-19 December dealt with a number of matters which required attention before the end of 1963 and decided that its recommendations should be referred to governments for voting by postal ballot. Many of the representatives attending the Council meeting had authority to vote on these matters on behalf of their governments and the Secretariat was instructed to forward ballot papers to those governments which were not represented at the meeting. The following are the six decisions:

1. NEW ZEALAND SCHEDULE - EXTENSION OF DECISION OF 4 JUNE 1960 (L/2086).

2. URUGUAYAN IMPORT SURCHARGES - EXTENSION OF DECISION OF 8 MAY 1961 (c/39)

(These two decisions, since they are taken under paragraph 5 of Article XXV, require approval by a two thirds majority of the votes cast provided that such majority comprises more than one half of the Contracting Parties. The voting on these decisions will be closed on 31 January.)

3. EXPENDITURE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN 1964 AND THE WAYS AND MEANS TO MEET SUCH EXPENDITURE (L/2064, pp. 7-11).

4. CEYLON RELEASE UNDER ARTICLE XVIII - EXTENSION OF DECISION OF 22 NOVEMBER 1958 (C/w/70).


6. NEWLY-INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES - EXTENSION OF DECISION OF 14 NOVEMBER 1962 (c/w/69).

(These four decisions have already been adopted, since a majority of the Contracting Parties have recorded favourable votes. Other Contracting Parties may nevertheless wish to place their votes on record.)

The ballot papers for voting on these six decisions are forwarded herewith, together with the relevant texts except in the case of the resolution on expenditure which was distributed in September.

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