SUBJECT: POSTAL BALLOTS

The Council of Representatives at a meeting on 14-15 December dealt with a number of matters which required attention before the end of 1965 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 behalf of their Governments and the Secretariat was instructed to forward ballot papers to the contracting parties which were not represented at the meeting. The following are the five matters in question:

1. Protocol amending the GATT to introduce a Part IV on trade and development - extension of closing date for acceptance (C/W/94, Annex A)

2. Participation of Iceland in the work of the contracting parties - extension of decision of 5 March 1964, (C/W/92, page 4)

3. Participation of Tunisia in the work of the contracting parties - extension of decision of 12 November 1959, (C/W/92, page 6)

4. Participation of Yugoslavia in the work of the contracting parties - extension of decision of 13 November 1962, (C/W/92, page 8)

5. Italian customs treatment for imports of Somalian products - extension of decision of 7 November 1960, (C/W/97)

The ballot papers for voting on these five decisions are forwarded herewith together with the relevant texts. Contracting parties are requested to complete these ballot papers and to return them to the Secretariat by 17 January.

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