DECISION CONCERNING A WAIVER FOR THE CONTINUED APPLICATION
BY ITALY OF SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT
TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF LIBYA

Note by the Executive Secretary

At the meeting of the Contracting Parties on 22 October it was agreed to
grant Italy authorization to continue the special customs treatment applied
to certain products from Libya imported into Italy, pending final consideration
of this question at the Seventh Session. Accordingly the following draft is
proposed for acceptance by the Contracting Parties.

TAKING NOTE of the request of the Government of Italy for
authorization to continue the special customs treatment applied to
certain products originating in and coming from Libya when imported
into Italian customs territory,

CONSIDERING that such special treatment was accorded by Italy
to certain products of Libya both before the Second World War and,
with certain modifications, since the War on a provisional basis,

CONSIDERING that the termination of such special treatment on
1 January 1952, when the United Kingdom of Libya is expected to obtain
its independence, might result in serious economic difficulties for
the new kingdom,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to paragraph 5(a) of
Article XXV,

DECIDE that the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I of the
General Agreement shall be waived, until _____________, to the
extent necessary to permit the Government of Italy to continue to accord
the special customs treatment at present in force to certain products
of Libya when imported into the customs territory of Italy, without
obligation to extend the same treatment to the like products of other
contracting parties; and

REQUESTS the Government of Italy to present for consideration at
the Seventh Session any further proposals on this matter that may be
envisioned.