AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND INTERSESSIONAL BUSINESS

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION

Report on Status of Restrictions
maintained by Belgium on Dollar Imports

During the Seventh Session, the Belgian delegation informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the Government of Belgium intended to relax substantially its dollar import restrictions as a first step in the direction of returning to a regime of freedom from quantitative import restrictions, and undertook to submit as soon as possible a report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES on such relaxations. At that time, the representatives of the United States and Canada welcomed the statement of the Belgian delegation and, in particular, indicated their satisfaction with the undertaking that the proposed relaxations were to be a first step towards the elimination of all dollar import restrictions.

Subsequently the Belgian delegation submitted a note to the CONTRACTING PARTIES outlining the measures introduced by the Belgian Government to take effect from 1 February 1953, in fulfilment of the understanding reached at the Seventh Session. (This note was circulated to the contracting parties on 4 February 1953, document L/75.)

The delegations of Canada and the United States now consider that it would be useful to have a report on the present status of restrictions imposed by Belgium on dollar imports, as well as any additional information that the Belgian delegation may wish to submit concerning its intention to relax further the restrictions which remain in effect. To this end, it is proposed that this matter be included on the agenda of the Eighth Session.