Contracting parties were informed on 9 June 1960 (L/1217) that the Australian Government had decided to take action under the procedures of Article XIX to impose on 30 May 1960 quantitative restrictions on imports of motor mowers and engines.

The United States, without prejudice to its rights to question the propriety of the Australian action with respect to these products under Article XIX, has requested an extension of the time-limit, provided in paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX, within which affected countries may withdraw substantially equivalent obligations or concessions from Australia.

The secretariat drafted the text of a Decision which was submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for approval by postal ballot (GATT/AIR/204). The draft as submitted has been approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES and is reproduced hereunder:

**DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME-LIMIT IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a) FOR NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING PARTIES OF ANY SUSPENSION OF OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPOSITION BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON MOTOR MOWERS AND ENGINES UNDER ARTICLE XIX.**

**Decision of 19 September 1960**

CONSIDERING that the Government of Australia took action under Article XIX to impose quantitative restrictions on imports of motor lawnmowers (Tariff items 161(B) (3) (a) and (b)); and mower engines (Tariff item ex 178(1) (2)),

CONSIDERING that the Government of Australia has assured that it is prepared to enter into consultations on this matter upon request with other contracting parties as required in paragraph 2 of Article XIX, and
CONSIDERING that any consultations will not have been completed in time for a contracting party to avail itself, in the event of failure to reach agreement, of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article 11,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that, with respect to the Australian action referred to above, the ninety-day period prescribed in Article 11:3(a) shall begin to run as from the date of the completion of any such consultations.