WORKING PARTY ON AVOIDANCE OF MARKET DISRUPTION

(appointed on 3 June 1960)

Chairman: Mr. J.F. Grandy (Canada)

Members:

Australia  Federal Republic of Germany  Pakistan
Austria    Greece              Sweden
Belgium    India             United Kingdom
Brazil     Italy          United States
Canada     Japan             Uruguay
France     Norway            

The Commission of the European Economic Community is invited to participate in the work of the Working Party.

Decision of 3 June establishing the Working Party

Desiring (1) to remove restrictions which prevent a further expansion of international trade, and (2) to mitigate the disruptive effects caused by a sharp increase in imports of a narrow range of commodities,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE to establish a Working Party to perform the following functions:

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1. To consider the problems described in the report of the secretariat on "Restrictions and other measures relating to the problem of market disruption" (L/1164, 17 May 1960);

2. To suggest multilaterally acceptable solutions, consistent with the principles and objectives of the General Agreement, for those problems which, in the light of this consideration, appear to call for immediate action;

3. To submit their report to the seventeenth session.

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The Working Party will meet from 12 to 16 September 1960 and during the seventeenth session.
The Working Party is also authorized to make appropriate arrangements for preparing a report on the various economic, social and commercial factors underlying the problems considered by the Working Party, and in particular the relevance to international trade of differences in the costs of various factors of production and marketing, including labour costs. In preparing its report the Working Party is authorized to call on exports, both governmental and non-governmental, and to seek the co-operation of the International Labour Office. The Working Party should report on its arrangements to the seventeenth session.