NEW ZEALAND - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE XIII

Request for Extension of Time-Limit in Decision of 4 June 1960

The following communication, dated 21 October 1963, has been received from the New Zealand delegation:

"I have the honour to inform you of a communication I have received from the New Zealand authorities which recalls that at the twentieth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in November 1962 the waiver granted to New Zealand to enable its new customs tariff to be applied before negotiations in terms of Article XXVIII were completed, was extended to 31 December 1963. It is possible that some of the negotiations might not be completed before the end of this year, although the New Zealand authorities are making every endeavour to do so, and to safeguard the New Zealand position it will be necessary for the delegation to the twenty-first session to apply for a further extension.

"I should therefore be grateful if you would include an item to this effect in the agenda for the first part of the twenty-first session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES."

The request of the Government of New Zealand will be included in the agenda for the meeting of the Council in December. If the Council agrees to recommend an extension of the waiver, the following draft decision might be considered:

"Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES by Decision of 4 June 1960 suspended, subject to specified conditions, the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable New Zealand to apply its new customs tariff before it had had the opportunity to complete all negotiations in terms of Article XXVIII,

1BISD, Ninth Supplement, page 42.
"Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES have extended the period of validity of that Decision until 31 December 1963\(^1\), but that the Government of New Zealand has now informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the negotiations and consultations may not be completed by that date,

"The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement,

"Decide that the period during which effect may be given to the New Zealand tariff pursuant to the Decision of 4 June 1960 and during which the consequent renegotiations and consultations shall be completed, shall be extended until 31 December 1964."

\(^1\)BISD, Eleventh Supplement, page 69