TIME LIMIT FOR APPLICATION OF PART II OF ARTICLE XX

Draft of Decision for Approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES

At the meeting on 25 September the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed to the Norwegian proposal to extend the time limit in Part II of Article XX for a further period of eighteen months. Accordingly, the following draft decision is submitted for approval:

DRAFT DECISION OF OCTOBER 1953 EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT IN PART II OF ARTICLE XX

WHEREAS it is provided in Article XX that measures instituted under Part II of Article XX, which are inconsistent with other provisions of the General Agreement, shall be removed as soon as the conditions giving rise to them have ceased, and in any event not later than 1 January 1951,

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Fifth Session considered that the conditions due to the war had not improved at the rate and to the extent expected when the said provisions were drawn up and therefore waived the obligations of the contracting parties under Part II of Article XX until 1 January 1952 and for the same reasons extended this time limit at their Sixth Session until 1 January 1954, and

WHEREAS these conditions have still not improved sufficiently to permit the general removal of measures maintained under the said provisions,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting under Article XXV:5 (a),

DECIDE to waive until 1 July 1955 the obligation of contracting parties instituting or maintaining measures under Part II of Article XX to discontinue them or seek the approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for their continuance.