Brazilian Internal Taxes

Resolution Proposed for Adoption by the Contracting Parties

In document L/160 the French delegation requests that the item "Brazilian Internal Taxes" be retained on the agenda of the Contracting Parties and that the Contracting Parties should adopt a recommendation asking the Brazilian Government to bring their legislation into harmony with Article III of the General Agreement.

If the Contracting Parties decide to act upon this suggestion, the following text may serve to give effect to their decision:

Draft Resolution of October 1953

On Brazilian Internal Taxes

Considering that they have had on their Agenda for six successive sessions the issue raised by the Government of France concerning the increased discrimination against imported products in the application of certain internal taxes maintained by the Government of Brazil;

Considering that on 2 June 1950 the Government of Brazil sent a message to the Brazilian Congress requesting action towards amending all existing laws which provide for different levels of taxation with respect to domestic and imported products in order to bring these laws into conformity with Article III of the General Agreement;

Considering that at their Fifth Session the Contracting Parties examined a draft law prepared by the Brazilian Government for adoption by their Congress and found that it appeared to eliminate for the most part the discrimination in favour of domestic products which had been adopted or increased since 30 October 1947; and

Considering that the Brazilian Congress has not yet passed legislation to bring these laws into conformity with Article III of the General Agreement,
THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

URGE the Government of Brazil to take all steps necessary to amend the existing laws so as to bring them into conformity with the General Agreement and to report, as early as possible and in any case not later than the Ninth Session, to the CONTRACTING PARTIES on action taken in this matter.