BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Preparation of the Fifth Annual Report on Discrimination

In accordance with the arrangements made by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Eighth Session for the preparation of their fifth annual report under Article XIV:1(g) on the discriminatory application of import restrictions (see L/164 paragraph 22), contracting parties have been asked to submit, three months in advance of the opening of the Ninth Session, statements bringing up to date the information they supplied in 1953 in response to the questionnaire in L/69. The opening date of the Ninth Session has been tentatively set at 14 October 1954, and contracting parties applying discriminatory restrictions pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1(b) or 1(c) of Article XIV or of Annex J are, therefore, invited to send the required statements by 14 July 1954. These statements should cover all changes and developments which have taken place in the application of import restrictions since the submission of replies to the 1953 questionnaire.

As in past years, three copies of the statements should be sent by airmail, and 50 copies by surface mail for distribution to other contracting parties.