CONSULAR FORMALITIES

Annual Report by the Contracting Parties

In November 1952 the CONTRACTING PARTIES recommended the abolition of consular invoices and of consular visas for commercial invoices, certificates of origin, manifests, etc., this abolition to be completed at the earliest possible date and not later than 31 December 1956. Meanwhile, contracting parties were invited to observe certain standard practices for consular formalities (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, First Supplement, pages 25-26), and it was agreed that contracting parties should report each year on the steps taken towards their abolition. The reports received in 1953 were distributed in the Addenda 1 to 5 of L/92, and the Working Party report adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Eighth Session will be found in G/60 (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Second Supplement, pages 59-61).

Contracting parties which require consular invoices or visas in connection with importation are invited to submit by September 1954 a report (in three copies) on the measures taken to abolish these requirements together with details of those that remain in force.