DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS

Report by the Contracting Parties

At their Seventh Session the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted a Code of Standard Practices for Documentary Requirements in order to minimize the incidence and complexity of import and export formalities and to decrease and simplify import and export documentation requirements the need for which is recognized by the Contracting Parties in Article VIII of the Agreement. (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, First Supplement, pages 23-24.) The contracting parties were asked to report not later than 1 August 1954 on steps taken by them to bring their practices into conformity with these standards (ibid, page 101).

Contracting parties are therefore invited to submit statements (in three copies) by the date stipulated. It would assist the Executive Secretary in preparing his report for the Ninth Session if contracting parties would also furnish details of the requirements which remain in force.