On 7 November 1952 the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted a Recommendation calling for the abolition of consular invoices and consular visas in connection with trade documents at the earliest possible date and in any case not later than 31 December 1956 (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, 1st Supplement, pp. 25 and 101). Further, the CONTRACTING PARTIES recommended that governments should, meanwhile, reduce progressively the incidence of consular fees and bring their practices into conformity with prescribed standards. At the same time, the CONTRACTING PARTIES requested governments to report annually on steps taken towards the abolition of consular formalities. The reports submitted by contracting parties in 1954 were examined during the Ninth Session (3rd Supplement, p. 91).

Contracting parties which maintain consular formalities were reminded, in the Executive Secretary's letter to foreign ministers dated 7 April, that their 1955 report should be submitted by 1 September. Reports are due from the following contracting parties and should be received, in all events, before the Inter-sessional Committee meets on 22 September to review the documentation for the Tenth Session:

- Brazil
- Ceylon
- Chile
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- France (see L/354)
- Greece
- Haiti
- Indonesia
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- Sweden
- Turkey
- United States
- Uruguay

If any contracting party which reported to the Ninth Session that it had no regulations requiring consular invoices or consular visas for goods imported from other contracting parties has subsequently given effect to any such regulation it is also invited to submit a report.