ARTICLE XX:II(a)

Extension of the Time Limit

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, at their meeting on 15 October 1956, adopted by twenty-five votes in favour and none against the following Decision:

DECISION OF 15 OCTOBER 1956
EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT FOR PARAGRAPH (a)
OF PART II OF ARTICLE XX

Whereas it is provided in Article XX that measures instituted or maintained under Part II of that Article, which are inconsistent with other provisions of the General Agreement, shall be removed as soon as the conditions giving rise to them have ceased and in any event not later than 1 January 1951;

Whereas the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decisions adopted at their Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Sessions, extended this time limit until 1 July 1955 and decided, at their Ninth Session, to amend the text of Article XX in such a manner as to retain the provisions of paragraph (a) of Part I until such time as the conditions giving rise to the application of measures under that paragraph have ceased to exist, subject to review by the CONTRACTING PARTIES not later than 30 June 1960;

Whereas the Protocol of 10 March 1955 amending the Preamble and Parts II and III of the General Agreement, which provides for such amendment, has not yet entered into force;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting under Article XXV:5(a) of the General Agreement,

DECIDE to waive until 30 June 1960 or the date on which the above-mentioned Protocol becomes effective for the contracting parties concerned, whichever is the earlier, the obligation of contracting parties instituting or maintaining measures under paragraph (a) of Part II of Article XX to discontinue them or seek the approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for their continuance.