CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIV:1(g)

Initiation of Consultations in 1953

1. According to the procedure adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Seventh Session for the initiation of consultations under Article XIV:1(g) in 1953 (L/55), any contracting party continuing to take action under the provisions of Article XIV:1(c) or Annex J should initiate the required consultation in March 1953 and submit statements giving the details of the measures involved.

2. Seven contracting parties have accordingly advised the Executive Secretary, in the following terms, that they are initiating such consultations or are prepared to consult with the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

**Australia: Communication of 31 March 1953**

"....Australian import restrictions, which are maintained to safeguard the external financial position, continue to operate on a discriminatory basis in that imports from the dollar area and Japan remain subject to special planning. Australia will wish to continue to resort to the provisions of Article XIV of the General Agreement. Kindly accept this as notification initiating consultations with the CONTRACTING PARTIES."

**Ceylon: Communication of 27 March 1953**

"The Government of Ceylon has the honour to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES of its willingness to consult with them, if necessary, in accordance with Article XIV:1(g), as to its continued maintenance of discriminatory import restrictions pursuant to Annex J of the Agreement."

**Italy: Communication of 27 March 1953**

"....the Government of Italy wishes to avail itself, as in the past, of the provisions of Article XIV:1(c), with respect only to imports
originating in countries in the dollar area. It, therefore, wishes to initiate consultations with the CONTRACTING PARTIES in accordance with Article XIV:1(g)."

New Zealand: Communication of 20 March 1953

".....in connection with 1953 consultations under Article XIV:1(g), I would advise that New Zealand is prepared to consult with the CONTRACTING PARTIES in 1953 pursuant to this Article."

Southern Rhodesia: Communication of 19 March 1953

".....the Government of Southern Rhodesia is ready to consult with the CONTRACTING PARTIES on the trade aspects of the discriminatory import restrictions being applied in accordance with the provisions of Annex J."

Union of South Africa: Communication of 13 March 1953

".....the Government of the Union of South Africa wish to continue to resort to the provisions of Annex J. In accordance with the provisions of Article XIV:1 (g) and the procedure adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Seventh Session the Government of the Union of South Africa are hereby initiating a consultation with the CONTRACTING PARTIES."

United Kingdom: Communication of 18 March 1953

"The Government of the United Kingdom has the honour to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES of its readiness to consult with them in accordance with Article XIV:1(g) about its continued maintenance of discriminatory import restrictions pursuant to the provisions of Annex J of the Agreement."

3. A copy of the supporting statements submitted by the Governments of Ceylon, Italy, Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa will be forwarded to each contracting party. The Governments of Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom have indicated that details of the measures involved will be provided in their replies to the questionnaire in L/69 to be submitted by 17 June 1953.