CONSULAR FORMALITIES

Further Reports of Contracting Parties

Contracting Parties were asked, in document L/92, to submit by 1 September 1953, a report on the steps taken since the abolition of consular invoices and consular visas as recommended by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 7 November 1952.

The reports received before 16 September were distributed in L/92/Add.1. The reports received since that date are reproduced herewith:

AUSTRALIA: 19 September 1953

"...neither consular invoices nor consular visas for commercial invoices, certificates of origin or manifests are required in connection with importation into Australia."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: 29 September 1953

"...no consular formalities are required by the Czechoslovak legislation at present in force for imports into Czechoslovakia of products originating in the territories of the contracting parties. No change in this legislation is under consideration as it is expected that the contracting parties still maintaining the consular formalities will also be able to comply with the recommendation of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 7 November 1952."

INDONESIA: 28 September 1953

"Since 1 May 1951 consular invoices are required for importation of goods from Singapore.

"These invoices are issued by the Indonesian Consulate-General at Singapore.

"The fee collected for the consular invoices amounts to 4 per cent of the value of the goods, without any limits*.

"Until now no changes have been made in these charges.

"Otherwise the Indonesian regulation concurs with the rules of the Standard Practices for Consular Formalities."

* At the Seventh Session it was erroneously stated that the fee amounted to 1 per cent."