TORQUAY NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII

Unfinished Negotiations (Resolution of 3 April 1951 - GATT/CP/107)

Schedule IX - Cuba

The Resolution of 3 April 1951 authorized the Governments of Cuba and of the United States to pursue their negotiations under Article XXVIII which they had not succeeded in concluding at the Torquay Conference. The time-limit fixed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES for such negotiations, 1 July 1951, was subsequently extended by Decisions of 22 October 1951 and 6 November 1952 to the opening day of the Eighth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES (17 September 1953).

Communications received today from the two Governments notify the conclusion of these negotiations. It has been agreed by the two Governments that the Note to item 253 B in Part II of Schedule IX should be amended as follows: 1

"Note: Rice, hulled, suitable for consumption and semi-hulled, imported in excess of a total quantity of 3,250,000 quintales from all countries in any calendar year ending June 30 shall be subject to duty at a rate not in excess of 3.70 pesos per 100 kilograms when imported from the United States of America,

Provided: that the tariff quota of 3,250,000 quintales shall be increased for any calendar such year by the amount which the Government of the Republic of Cuba may determine to be necessary to supply the difference between the estimated Cuban production of rice and the total estimated Cuban consumption of rice in such calendar year, and so much of such increased amount as may be imported from the United States of America shall be subject to duty at a rate not in excess of 1.85 pesos per 100 kilograms. Whenever it is determined by the Government of the Republic of Cuba that the quantity of rice permitted to be imported within the tariff quota provided for in this Note should be allocated among supplying countries, the shares allocated

1 Words in square brackets are to be deleted and words underlined inserted.
shall be in proportion to the imports from such countries during the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the first year in which such allocation is made."

In accordance with the Decision of 3 April 1951, the new text will enter into force on 7 August 1953, i.e. 30 days after notification to the Executive Secretary.