DRAFT RESOLUTION ON LUXEMBURG WAIVER

HAVING RECEIVED the request of the Luxemburg Government for a waiver of the provisions of Article XI of the General Agreement to enable it to maintain quantitative restrictions on the import of agricultural products listed in the Annex to this Decision,

HAVING ALSO RECEIVED the statement by the Luxemburg Government that it has undertaken to pursue actively harmonization of its agricultural policy with those of its two Benelux partners and to adopt all measures necessary to make its agriculture more competitive and therefore to relax the restrictions now in force insofar as this would be practicable,

CONSIDERING that, in view of the natural factors, some branches of agriculture in Luxemburg face exceptionally adverse conditions and that it is essential for the Grand Duchy to maintain agricultural production and to accord the necessary support to improve the conditions of production,

CONSIDERING that the removal at the present juncture of these restrictions would result in serious injury, not only to the producers themselves but also to the national interests of Luxemburg without affording appreciable benefits to the trade of other contracting parties,

CONSIDERING FURTHER that the contracting parties mainly affected by these restrictions are partners of Luxemburg in the Benelux Customs Union and that these countries have expressly accepted the maintenance of these restrictions in so far as they are concerned,

CONSIDERING FINALLY that in view of the narrowness of the Luxemburg market and the traditional channels of trade in the products in question, the effects of the restrictions on contracting parties other than Belgium and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are comparatively small,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that

(1) pursuant to paragraph 5(a) of Article XXV of the General Agreement and the provisions of Article XI of the General Agreement shall be waived to the extent necessary to permit the Government of Luxemburg to maintain the restrictions at present imposed on the import into Luxemburg of the products listed in the annex to this Decision

(2) the Luxemburg Government shall communicate as soon as practicable and where possible in advance, to the Executive Secretary for circulation to the CONTRACTING PARTIES any changes introduced or proposed in the restrictive system in force for the products listed in the annex to this Decision as well as any other information relevant to the restrictions authorized by this Decision

(3) The matter shall be reviewed in 1960.

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