Quantitative Restrictions Section

PROBLEMS FOR FIELD WORK UNDER THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Project I: German Import Restrictions

The Federal Republic of Germany has no balance-of-payments difficulties as defined in Article XII which would justify the maintenance of Quantitative Restrictions (see L/768). It has, however, indicated (see L/799) that it proposes to maintain restrictions on imports of agricultural products and on some industrial products.

Prepare a brief\(^1\) for the delegation of your country on the various points referred to in the documents mentioned above. The brief should deal with the various justifications put forward by the German Government, in the light of the provisions of GATT and the Torquay Protocol.

Consider extent and nature of action that may be taken under Article XII:4(c) and Article XXIII.

Project II: Review and Consultations on Quantitative Restrictions

Article XII:4(b) (revised) and Article XVIII:12(b) (revised) call for (i) a review of all Quantitative Restrictions still maintained thereunder, and (ii) annual or bi-annual consultations thereafter with each country maintaining Quantitative Restrictions.

Draft a note on the scope and nature both of the review and of the annual consultations (see L/769).

Consider critically the documentation previously prepared for similar consultations held in 1957, and the procedures adopted (BISD, 5th Supplement, p. 48 et seq.) and the nature of reports (L/745 and Addenda).

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\(^1\)The "brief" should indicate the broad stand which the delegation should take, the questions it should raise, answers to other delegations' possible arguments, how insistent the delegation should be on specific points, strategy it should adopt and steps to take or procedures to invoke at different stages of the discussion, etc.

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Project III: GATT Consultation procedures and facilities in general

In the United Nations a suggestion has been made that there should be more opportunities for intergovernmental "consultation" on economic policy and on trade matters. The United Nations Secretariat has to prepare a paper for the Economic and Social Council describing existing "consultation" facilities, and GATT secretariat has been asked by United Nations to supply notes on GATT consultations.

Draft a note describing (a) provisions, (b) procedures and (c) experience of consultations under GATT, and giving suggestions regarding possible improvements and comments on the value of GATT facilities to governments.

Project IV: European Common Market, Quantitative Restrictions aspect

The GATT provisions on the formation of customs unions and free-trade areas are contained in Article XXIV. Examine the Rome Treaty provisions and the report of the Twelfth Session on the Quantitative Restrictions aspect of the European Common Market (L/778, Annex II), and comment on the case of the six Rome Treaty countries.

Discussions of the matter, as will be seen in L/778, will be resumed shortly. Prepare a brief for the delegation of your country.

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1See note on preceding page.