RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA

At the Thirteenth Session of the Contracting Parties in November 1958, the representative of Yugoslavia stated that it was the desire of his Government to institute closer relations with the Contracting Parties. He explained that his Government did not wish to ask for full membership at this stage but sought a status which would provide for limited rights and obligations, which could be described as "associated membership". There was general support that the proposal should be referred to a working party.

This working party will meet on Monday, 16 March 1959. The terms of reference are:

1. To consider the terms on which the Government of Yugoslavia might be brought into association with the Contracting Parties.

2. To submit to the Contracting Parties at their Fourteenth Session a report on paragraph 1 (above) and on the advisability of further study on the possible development of such association into full participation in the General Agreement.

The chairman of the working party is Mr. T. Hagan, Sweden.