LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT

Acceptance with Reservations

The following communications have been received by the Executive Secretary:

1. Communication from Australia dated 31 August:

"The Cotton Textiles Committee established at the nineteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT recognized that Australia's position in relation to the Long-Term Arrangement was different from that of other countries which might seek to attach reservations to their acceptance of the arrangements in accordance with the criteria laid down in the memorandum of understandings. It was suggested Australia should indicate conditions on which it could sign.

"The Australian Government wishes to inform the Cotton Textiles Committee that it would expect to be able to sign the Arrangement subject to such reservations as it may find it necessary to apply.

"Because of urgent domestic and international matters engaging the attention of the Government and requiring the absence abroad of senior Ministers and officials - in particular, the European Common Market, bilateral agreements and recent local industrial and economic developments in the field of cotton textiles - the Australian Government is not yet in a position to decide on the form of the reservations which it may wish to attach to its acceptance of the Arrangement.

"The Australian Government will submit its firm proposals as soon as it is in a position to do so and, in any event, not later than 1 November 1962."

2. Communication from Finland dated 23 August:

"With reference to the Long-Term Cotton Textiles Arrangement, the drawing up of which was attended by observers of my Government, I have the honour to inform you that my Government have not yet found it possible to clear their position concerning the Arrangement. Consequently, the Government will not be able, by 1 September 1962, to decide their position regarding a reservation to the acceptance. I hope, however, to be able to revert to the matter in the near future."
3. Communication from Norway dated 29 August:

"With reference to the Long-Term Arrangement regarding trade in cotton textiles scheduled to enter into force on 1 October 1962, I have the honour to inform you that for various reasons the Norwegian Government is not yet in a position to make the final decision whether and in what form to adhere to the provisions of the Arrangement. I shall, however, revert to the matter as soon as possible."