ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Suspension of General Licence for Imports of
Hard Coal and Hard-Coal Products

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, at their meeting on 7 November, agreed to extend the time-limit in Article XIX:3(a) in connexion with consultations between the Governments of the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the suspension of the import licence announced in document L/555. The following draft Decision is submitted for approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME-LIMIT IN PARAGRAPH 3(a) OF ARTICLE XIX
FOR NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING PARTIES OF ANY SUSPENSION OF OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS IN CONNEXION WITH THE SUSPENSION UNDER ARTICLE XIX BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF THE GENERAL LICENCE FOR IMPORTS OF HARD COAL AND HARD-COAL PRODUCTS FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY

CONSIDERING that on 4 September 1958 the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany invoked Article XIX to suspend the general licence for imports of hard coal and hard-coal products from contracting parties not members of the European Coal and Steel Community,

CONSIDERING that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is consulting with other contracting parties in respect of this action with a view to reaching agreement on compensation, and

CONSIDERING that the said consultations will not have been completed in time for a government to avail itself, in the event of failure of the consultations, of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that the ninety-day period prescribed in Article XIX:3(a) shall begin to run as from the date of the completion of any such consultations.