The Recommendation of 18 November 1960 (L/1653) provides for the de facto application of the GATT between contracting parties and territories which acquire fully autonomy in the conduct of their external commercial relations and to which the GATT was formerly applied by the metropolitan power. The period of de facto application ends two years after the date of independence. This Recommendation is at present applicable in respect of the following States until the dates indicated:

- Cameroon (1 January 1962)
- Central African Republic (14 August 1962)
- Chad (11 August 1962)
- Congo (Brazzaville) (15 August 1962)
- Congo (Leopoldville) (30 June 1962)
- Cyprus (16 August 1962)
- Dahomey (1 August 1962)
- Gabon (17 August 1962)
- Ivory Coast (7 August 1962)
- Madagascar (25 June 1962)
- Mali (20 June 1962)
- Mauritania (28 November 1962)
- Niger (3 August 1962)
- Senegal (20 June 1962)
- Togo (27 April 1962)
- Upper Volta (5 August 1962)

The Governments of the Republic of Cameroon (L/1653) and the Republic of Congo (Leopoldville) (L/1663) have requested an extension of the time-limit, as it will not be possible for them to take decisions in this matter within the two-year period. Other States may also wish to have a longer period in which to decide upon their future relations with the GATT. It is therefore suggested, for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, that the Recommendation of 18 November 1960 might be extended for one year for any State which requests an extension.

In the event that the CONTRACTING PARTIES wish to act upon this suggestion the following text of a decision might be considered:
CONSIDERING that the CONTRACTING PARTIES recommended on 18 November 1960 that contracting parties should continue to apply de facto the General Agreement in their relations with any territory which acquires full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and of other matters provided for in the General Agreement for a period of two years from the date on which such autonomy is acquired, provided that the State in question continues to apply de facto the Agreement to them;

CONSIDERING that the governments of some of the States to which the said Recommendation is at present applicable have requested more time to consider their future commercial policy and the question of their relations with the General Agreement, and that others, to which the Recommendation is at present applicable or may in future be applied, may make similar requests before the expiry of the period of two years; and

CONSIDERING that it is desirable that during such an extended period the provisions of the General Agreement should continue to be applied to trade between the territories of such States and the territories of contracting parties to GATT;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

RECOMMEND that contracting parties should continue to act upon the Recommendation of 18 November 1960 for a further period of one year with respect to any State to which the said Recommendation is applicable and which before the expiry of its two-year period requests an extension of the time-limit, provided that such State continues to apply de facto the Agreement to them; and

REQUEST the Executive Secretary to notify the contracting parties promptly of all requests for such extension.