Working Party on Article XVIII

Section of Draft Report concerning the Mauritius
Import Restrictions on Tea

After discussion the Working Party agreed that Mauritius' import restriction on tea, in respect of which a statement (annex to GATT/CP.3/1) had been submitted by the United Kingdom, was eligible for consideration under Article XVIII. Subsequently, however, the United Kingdom representative stated that the Government of Mauritius, on the advice of the United Kingdom Government, had decided that the purpose of the measure could equally well be met by tariff protection, and that the restriction would be withdrawn, with effect from 1st January 1950, which was the earliest date by which, in view of the legislative procedure and programme of Mauritius, the tariff rates could be modified, (see GATT/CP.3/32 and Corr.1).

The Working Party accepted this statement, and asked the United Kingdom delegation to convey its thanks to the Mauritius Government for the action it had taken. The Working Party agreed that the measure might be maintained until 1st January 1950 in order to enable the Customs duty to be modified.