1. Working Party 2 on Article XVIII was appointed at the fourth meeting of the Session on 14 April 1949, and was given the following terms of reference:

"(a) to examine the statements submitted by contracting parties in support of measures notified under paragraph 11 of Article XVIII and the objections to these measures lodged by contracting parties which consider their interests to be affected;

(b) to take account of the points raised in the discussions at this session;

(c) to report thereon to the Contracting Parties".

At the 14th meeting the application of Ceylon under paragraph 7 of Article XVIII was referred to the Working Party and this is still under consideration.

2. The Working Party consisted of representatives of Australia, Canada, Chile, Cuba, France, India, the Netherlands, Syria, the United Kingdom and the United States, and was under the chairmanship of Mr. C.L. Hewitt (Australia). Representatives of Belgium, Ceylon, Lebanon and Pakistan attended meetings and, by invitation, took part in the discussions when matters of interest to them were considered. Observers from other delegations, including those of acceding governments, were also present at a number of meetings.
3. The Working Party has held meetings and has considered all the statements together with the other questions referred to it for study. Three interim reports have been submitted by the Working Party on matters which called for urgent consideration by the Contracting Parties, namely:


3. The Report on the Date of Decision in the Ceylon Application (GATT/CP.3/36)

The Working Party also supplied, with the approval of the Contracting Parties, a memorandum of guidance for notification of measures under paragraph 11 by accessing governments.

4. The Working Party now submits a report on all other matters which were referred to it, with the exception of the Ceylon application.

5. The following sections of the report deal separately with the measures notified by present contracting parties under paragraph 11 of Article XVIII, procedures for dealing with notifications and applications between sessions, and the question of procedure under Article XVIII with regard to the Protocols of Provisional Application and Accession. Appended to the report are a formal decision which the Working Party recommends the Contracting Parties adopt at this session, and annexes which are referred to in the text of the report.
Section A. Withdrawal of the measures notified by the Netherlands in respect of Indonesia
(text of report to be inserted)

Section B. Withdrawal of the measures notified by the United Kingdom in respect of Mauritius
(text to be inserted)

Section C. Withdrawal of the measure notified by the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Rhodesia
(text to be inserted)

Section D. Withdrawal of the measures notified by Chile
(text to be inserted)

Section E. The measure notified by Cuba
(text to be inserted)

Section F. The measure notified by India
(text to be inserted)

Section G. The measures notified by Lebanon-Syria
(text to be inserted)

Section H. Procedures between sessions for existing and new measures
(text to be inserted)

Section I. Consideration of procedures with regard to the Protocols of Provisional Application and Accession
(text to be inserted)

Annex A. Decision to be taken by the Contracting Parties with respect to the measures notified by Lebanon and Syria
(to be inserted)

Annex B. List of products and tariff item numbers and descriptions with respect to which recommendations are made on measures notified by Lebanon and Syria
(to be inserted)

Annex C. Questionnaire for guidance in preparation of statements of considerations.
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