

GATT/AIR/329

9 MAY 1963

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS

1. THE CURRENT PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS (L/1973/Rev.1) ENVISAGES THAT THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS WILL MEET FROM 10 TO 21 JUNE 1963. IN THE LIGHT OF THE AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A SHORTER PERIOD WOULD SUFFICE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONVENE ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE AT 3 P.M. THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE BATIMENT ELECTORAL, RUE GENERAL DUFOUR, GENEVA.

2. UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS AGREED UPON AT THE TWENTIETH SESSION THE COMMITTEE SHOULD AT THIS MEETING CARRY OUT CONSULTATIONS WITH FIVE CONTRACTING PARTIES (BURMA, FINLAND, INDONESIA, ISRAEL AND TURKEY; CF. BISD, ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENT, PAGE 166). SINCE THEN, IT HAS BEEN FOUND NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE CONSULTATION WITH ISRAEL UNTIL THE AUTUMN. IN ADDITION TO THE REMAINING FOUR CONSULTATIONS IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT A CONSULTATION INITIATED WITH CHILE UNDER ARTICLE XVIII:12(a) IN 1962 HAS YET TO BE COMPLETED, AND THAT THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN ASKED TO EXAMINE, BEFORE 30 JUNE 1963, THE CHILEAN REQUEST FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER DECISION OF 27 MAY 1959 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN IMPORT SURCHARGES FOR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS REASONS (IBID. PAGE 68). IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS, AT ITS FORTHCOMING MEETING, COMPLETE THE CONSULTATION WITH CHILE UNDER ARTICLE XVIII:12(a) AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS ASPECTS OF THE REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS FOLLOWING MEETING.

3. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THESE PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE COMMENCING DATES FOR THE CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN SET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

FINLAND	. . . . .	WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE, 3 P.M.
TURKEY	. . . . .	THURSDAY, 13 JUNE, 3 P.M.
CHILE	. . . . .	FRIDAY, 14 JUNE, 3 P.M.
INDONESIA	. . . . .	TUESDAY, 18 JUNE, 3 P.M.
BURMA	. . . . .	WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE, 3 P.M.

4. "BASIC DOCUMENTS" PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE BOP/- SERIES. PAPERS SUPPLIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND WILL BE FORWARDED TO CONTRACTING PARTIES IN THE USUAL MANNER.

5. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE CONSULTING CONTRACTING PARTIES, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS AT THESE MEETINGS, ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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