

GATT/AIR/69

25 JULY 1955

SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF JAPANU R G E N T

UNDER THE DRAFT DECISION AGREEING TO THE ACCESSION OF JAPAN, CONTRACTING PARTIES WERE REQUESTED TO RECORD THEIR VOTES ON THE DECISION NOT LATER THAN 11 AUGUST 1955. SO FAR ONLY FOURTEEN CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVE DONE SO.

I THEREFORE INVITE THE ATTENTION OF THOSE CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET VOTED TO THE TIME LIMIT PROVIDED FOR IN THE DECISION, AND HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THESE COUNTRIES TO ADVISE ME OF THEIR VOTES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS CONNEXION I WOULD POINT OUT THAT HAVING REGARD TO THE TERMS OF ARTICLE XXXIII, FAILURE TO VOTE ON THE DECISION HAS AN EFFECT EQUIVALENT TO A NEGATIVE VOTE.

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