

GATT/AIR/71

11 AUGUST 1955

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

AS INDICATED IN MY LETTER OF 30 JUNE 1955 THE WORKING PARTY ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS HAS BEEN CONVENED TO MEET ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1955. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON THAT DAY AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SESSION WILL LAST FROM TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO PREPARE A SECOND DRAFT OF THE AGREEMENT ON COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS BY INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ON THE FIRST DRAFT PREPARED IN FEBRUARY 1955 (ANNEX TO L/320), FOR SUBMISSION TO THE TENTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

IN RESPONSE TO MY LETTER OF 30 JUNE CERTAIN CONTRACTING PARTIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS NOT PARTIES TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND CERTAIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTENTION OF SENDING OBSERVERS. THOSE GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PLAN TO PARTICIPATE BUT HAVE NOT INFORMED ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES OR OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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