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22 AUGUST 1955

SUBJECT:

ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARIAT, THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED THEIR NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII:

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AUSTRALIA SECRET/38, SECRET/38/ADD.1

AUSTRIA SECRET/21, SECRET/21/CORR.1

SECRET/21/ADD.1. 2 AND 3

BENELUX SECRET/48

CANADA SECRET/35, SECRET/35/ADD.1

CEYLON SECRET/28, SECRET/28/CORR.1

CUBA SECRET/22, SECRET/22/ADD.1,

SECRET/22/ADD.1/CORR.1,

SECRET/22/ADD.2, SECRET/22/ADD.2/CORR.1

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SECRET/49, SECRET/49/ADD.1 AND 2

FINLAND SECRET/47

FRANCE SECRET/44

GERMANY SECRET/27, INF/26

ITALY SECRET/40

NICARAGUA SECRET/32

PAKISTAN SECRET/31

SWEDEN SECRET/43, SECRET/43/ADD.1

UNITED KINGDOM SECRET/36, SECRET/36/ADD.1

IT IS REALIZED THAT SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES HAVE PRACTICALLY COMPLETED THEIR NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS HOPED THAT AS SOON AS OUTSTANDING POINTS ARE CLEARED, FINAL REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOCUMENT SECRET/24/ADD.4 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR CIRCULATION.

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NEVERTHELESS SEVERAL EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD: THE MAXIMUM DELAY ALLOWED BY THE DECLARATION ON THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF SCHEDULES IS 30 SEPTEMBER 1955.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EACH CONTRACTING PARTY TAKING ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII SHOULD APPROACH THE GOVERNMENTS WITH WHOM ITEMS AFFECTED WERE INITIALLY NEGOTIATED AND THOSE WHOSE SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED IN ORDER TO ARRANGE THE PLACE AND DATE OF THEIR NEGOTIATIONS. WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

SOME CONTRACTING PARTIES INTEND TO RESUME THEIR NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING 29 AUGUST. FOR THESE WEEKS A CERTAIN NUMBER OF OFFICES FOR DELEGATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS. REQUESTS FOR OFFICE ACCOMMODATION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THIS SECRETARIAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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