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Working Party on Belgian and Luxemburg Request

DRAFT REPORT

Corrigendum

The Drafting Group suggest the following changes in the draft submitted by it in Spec/382/55/Rev.1 and Spec/379/55:

In the Section relating to the Belgian request, paragraph 2, third line from the bottom, read:

".....sugar, "witloof" endives".

Paragraph 5, add at the end: "since 1 January 1955".

Paragraph 7, 4th line, read: "... there is almost no short-term opportunity.

Paragraph 11, second line, delete the comma after "noted"

Paragraph 12, line 5, delete the words: "the Kingdom of"

line 10, insert a semi-colon after "competitive"

in the 6th line from the end of the paragraph, delete the words:

"the Kingdom of"

Paragraph 21, in the third line from the bottom, replace the colon after "waiver" by a full-stop, and read: "He stated..."

Paragraph 26, replace the last sentence by the following:

"Questions which might arise out of the application of restrictions by the Netherlands for the purpose of implementing the restrictions which Belgium would be permitted to maintain under this waiver were not examined by the Working Party. On the understanding that the CONTRACTING PARTIES would be given an opportunity of considering such questions before any restrictions solely for implementing the Belgian restrictions were applied by the Netherlands, the Working Party felt that it was not necessary to resolve these questions at present."

Replace the fifth paragraph of the preamble to the decision by the following:

"CONSIDERING that the sudden removal of the restrictions would result in serious injury to the domestic industries having received incidental protection therefrom, and that the temporary maintenance of the restrictions is necessary to enable those industries to adjust themselves to the situation which would be created by the removal of the restrictions;"

In the Section relating to the Luxemburg request, replace paragraph 8 by the following:

"8. The Working Party was convinced of the persistent and deep-rooted character of the Luxemburg problem. No easy, rapid, or perhaps even complete solution can or should be expected. Nevertheless, the Working Party considered it unwise and unnecessary at this time to recommend a waiver which would not provide in some way for a review of the situation within a specified time-limit. Such a review would examine the underlying circumstances on the basis of which the waiver was granted. Should these circumstances remain substantially unchanged despite the best efforts of the Government of Luxemburg to cope with them, the waiver would presumably be continued."