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SPECIAL TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF LIBYA BY ITALYDraft Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES

The Working Party examined the Annual Reports submitted by the Governments of Italy and of Libya under the Decision of 9 October 1952, as amended by the Decision of 25 November 1955, and considered the request made by the Italian Government for a further extension of the above Decision and for certain changes in the schedule of products of Libyan origin admitted into the Italian customs territory free of duty.

In the light of the statements made before the Working Party, of the information submitted by the two Governments and of a study prepared by the secretariat, the Working Party, believing that the grant of special treatment for Libyan products on the Italian market would not cause substantial injury to the trade of other contracting parties, recommends the extension of the Decision of 9 October 1952, as amended, until the end of 1961 and recommends further the adoption by the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the proposed modifications to the schedule annexed to that Decision. Accordingly, the attached draft Decision is recommended for adoption by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

EXTENSION OF WAIVER FOR THE APPLICATION BY ITALY OF SPECIAL
CUSTOMS TREATMENT TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF LIBYADraft Decision

Having received a proposal from the Government of Italy, in response to a request by the Government of Libya, for an extension and amendment of the Decision of 9 October 1952, as amended by the Decision of 25 November 1955, whereby the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement were waived, for the period ending 31 December 1955, to the extent necessary to permit the Government of Italy to grant special customs treatment to certain products of Libya;

Taking note of the assurance by the Government of Libya that efforts are being made to promote economic development and to raise the standard of national production so that Libya will be able to participate in international trade on a normal competitive basis;

Considering that the proposed extension and amendment, in view of the nature and volume of the production and trade involved, are not likely to result in substantial injury to the trade of any of the contracting parties;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to Article XXV:5(a),

Decide that the Decision of 9 October 1952, as amended by the Decision of 25 November 1955, shall be extended until subject to the following changes in the Schedule of Products:

(i) The following items shall be deleted:

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(ii) The following items shall be added:

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(iii) The annual tariff quotas shall be increased as indicated hereunder:

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and

Decide to review the situation at a session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES before the end of 1961.