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Request to be addressed to the
Contracting Parties for Texts of Laws, etc.

Note by the Executive Secretary

At the Plenary Meeting on 3 November the representative of Norway proposed that governments should be asked to send to the secretariat "copies of legislation and regulations regarding the levy of anti-dumping and countervailing duties or other measures to the same effect". The representative of Sweden suggested that the CONTRACTING PARTIES should also ask contracting parties to comment on their experience with the application of these laws in their own and in other countries. These proposals were approved and it was agreed that the material furnished should be examined by the Intersessional Committee in preparation for a discussion at the Eleventh Session of what further steps should be taken in a study of these questions.

The Executive Secretary was asked to prepare the text of the request which would be addressed to the governments after the close of the Session. It is suggested that the request should be made on the following lines:

"In accordance with the decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Tenth Session (SR.10/7) the contracting parties are asked to submit to the Executive Secretary (in English or French) not later than 30 June 1956, extracts from their national customs legislation and administrative regulations which provide for the levy of anti-dumping and countervailing duties and for other duties and charges or regulations imposed or applied in special cases and intended to protect domestic production against the competition of low-priced imports. It would be appreciated if contracting parties would also furnish details of such duties and charges imposed in recent years together with comments on their experience with the implementation of their laws and regulations and on the experience of their traders with the application of such laws and regulations by other countries."

The information submitted will be placed before the Intersessional Committee, and an item relating to this question will be included in the Agenda for the Eleventh Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.