

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIV:1(g)

### Note by the Executive Secretary

According to the procedure adopted by the Contracting Parties at their Sixth Session for the conduct of consultations under Article XIV:1(g) (GATT/CP.6/52), any contracting party still entitled to take action under the provisions of Article XIV:1(c) or of Annex J should enter into consultations with the Contracting Parties by advising the Executive Secretary not later than 15 March 1952 that it was initiating such consultations.

Ten contracting parties<sup>1</sup> have accordingly advised the Executive Secretary in the following terms that they are initiating consultations, or are prepared to consult, under Article XIV:1(g):

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| Australia           | "The Australian Government proposes to initiate consultations on the discriminatory application of its import restrictions taken under paragraphs 1(b) and (c) of Article XIV."  |
| Ceylon <sup>2</sup> | "Ceylon will be sending statement of import restrictions and will be ready to consult if statement makes such consultation necessary."   |
| Germany             | "The Government of the Federal Republic intends to initiate consultations provided for in Article XIV:1(g)."   |
| India               | "India's existing import restrictions can be regarded as covered by paragraph 1(b) of Article XIV. If review by IMF should disclose need for consultation as provided in paragraph 1(g) the Government of India will be willing to adopt such a course." |
| Italy               | "The Italian Government has the intention to carry out consultations in conformity with Article XIV."  |

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<sup>1</sup> The notification by the Government of Greece, recorded in G/1, has since been withdrawn.

<sup>2</sup> Governed by Annex J.

Netherlands

"The Netherlands Government intends to enter into consultations under Article XIV:1(g)."

New Zealand

"The New Zealand Government is prepared to consult pursuant to Article XIV:1(g)."

Southern Rhodesia<sup>2</sup>

"The Government of Southern Rhodesia is prepared to consult on trade aspects of the continued discriminatory application of restrictions if so desired by the Contracting Parties."

Union of South Africa<sup>2</sup>

"The Government of the Union of South Africa intends to consult with Contracting Parties in terms of Article XIV:1(g) regarding deviation from provisions of Article XIII."

United Kingdom<sup>2</sup>

"The Government of the United Kingdom informs the Contracting Parties of its readiness to consult with them in accordance with Article XIV:1(g) as to its continued maintenance of discriminatory import restrictions pursuant to the provisions of Annex J."

The procedure adopted at the Sixth Session (GATT/CP.6/52 and GATT/CP/132) provides that a contracting party initiating consultations under Article XIV:1(g) should at the same time furnish details of the measures involved together with any information (in addition to that contained in any statement submitted in connection with the preparation of the Third Annual Report on the discriminatory application of import restrictions) which might assist the Contracting Parties in carrying out the consultations.

Pursuant to this requirement, several of the consulting governments have furnished fifty copies of memoranda which contain certain information describing discriminatory measures upon the maintenance of which they wish to consult with the Contracting Parties; one copy has been sent to each of the contracting parties. Further statements from the consulting contracting parties will be circulated when received.

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<sup>2</sup> Governed by Annex J.

