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INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES DUTY ON DRIED FIGS

Addendum

Request by the Turkish Delegation for an extension of the period provided in Article XIX:3(a) for announcement of retaliatory actions

The Turkish Delegation has the honour to request the mediation of the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement at the Seventh Session in the following matter:

As the Turkish Delegation informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES during the examination of item 28 of the agenda for the present Session, consultations are now proceeding between the delegations of Turkey and the United States of America on the subject of the measures applied by the United States as from 29 August 1952 with regard to the duty on dried figs.

While it seems possible that the consultations may lead to a provisional arrangement, it is not yet known what the final outcome will be. The Turkish Government deems it advisable to await the result of the consultations before deciding to have recourse to the measures envisaged under Article XIX, paragraph 3, of the General Agreement. That paragraph stipulates that in the event of a contracting party's withdrawing or modifying a concession in virtue of the provisions of Article XIX, the affected contracting parties shall be free, not later than ninety days after such action is taken, to suspend, on thirty days' notice, the application to the trade of the contracting party in question of the equivalent obligations or concessions under the General Agreement.

In view of the above considerations, the Turkish Delegation requests the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in the present instance, to extend the time-limit stipulated in paragraph 3 (a) of Article XIX.

The United States Delegation, having been apprised by the Turkish Delegation of its intention to request the CONTRACTING PARTIES to extend the time-limit, has signified its consent to that extension.

This request for extension does not, of course, prejudice the Turkish Government's right to ask the CONTRACTING PARTIES to deal with the substance of this question at the present Session.