

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES

SUBSIDIES

Notifications required by Article XVI

1. Pursuant to the Decision of 2 March 1950, eleven contracting parties submitted notifications of subsidies of the type defined in Article XVI of the General Agreement. At their Fifth Session, the Contracting Parties decided that the statements submitted should be reissued in a single document, but in order that the compilation may be as complete as possible it was agreed to afford contracting parties an opportunity to bring their statements up to date or to submit supplementary statements if they should so desire. April 15, 1951 is the closing date for the submission of supplementary information.
2. It was noted at the Fifth Session that the governments of Burma, Greece, Liberia, Nicaragua and Syria had not informed the Contracting Parties, in response to the Decision of 2 March 1950, whether or not they grant or maintain subsidies of the type defined in Article XVI. The Contracting Parties decided to enquire whether the absence of notification is to be interpreted as indicating that no such subsidies are granted or maintained, and accordingly it would be appreciated if these governments would communicate with the Executive Secretary for the information of the Contracting Parties.
3. The representative of Chile at the Fifth Session indicated that his government does not maintain subsidies under Article XVI (GATT/CP.5/SR.20) and accordingly Chile should be included in the list of countries (GATT/CP.5/26 and Add.1) which have notified that they do not grant or maintain subsidies.
4. The acceding governments, negotiating at Torquay with a view to accession to the General Agreement, are not obliged, until they become contracting parties, to give notification of the subsidies which they grant or maintain in terms of Article XVI. On the other hand, it is hoped that these governments will become contracting parties during 1951 and it would add to the completeness of the document if their countries were included in it. Consequently some or all of these governments may wish to submit statements. If so the notifications should reach the Executive Secretary by April 15, 1951.

