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APPLICATION OF ARTICLE I - REQUEST OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT

The following communication has been received from the Netherlands Government:

"With reference to document ICITO/EC.2/1 dated 9 June 1948, I have the honour to inform you, upon instructions of my Government, that the Netherlands and Belgian Governments communicated with the Government of Cuba on the subject of the application of Article I of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in order to obtain the elimination of certain duties imposed by the Cuban Government in its country as consular tax in the amount of 5% instead of 2% as applied to the other contracting parties. The Netherlands and Belgian Governments expect that the said step will produce a favourable result, but they prefer in the meantime to reserve the possibility of a general discussion on the application of Article I of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at the next session."

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