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Extension of the last dates for submission of statements
and lodging of objections

1. At their second session the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed upon a time table for the submission of the statements referred to in paragraph 12 of Article XVIII in support of existing measures and of objections to the measures by contracting parties materially affected (See GATT/CP.2/38 Rev. 1 Annex E).
2. When it was found after the close of that session that some of the statements had not been received within the requisite time, the contracting parties were notified in document GATT/CP.3/8 and it was suggested that the last date for lodging of objections should be deferred until 8 April 1949.
3. The Working Party noted that the reasons advanced for the late submission of these statements were the administrative and other difficulties of the governments concerned in obtaining detailed information necessary for the preparation of the statements. The Working Party agreed that these statements should be accepted for consideration, and proceeded on the basis that the CONTRACTING PARTIES would not object to this.
4. The Working Party considers that, in view of the late submission of certain statements, the date by which materially affected

*Throughout this report, paragraph numbers of the amended version of Article XVIII are referred to.

contracting parties should lodge objections to the maintenance of the measures should also be extended.

5. The Working Party had intended first to complete consideration of the eligibility for notification under paragraph 11 of Article XVIII of each of these measures, before considering the final date for lodging objections.

6. Consideration of eligibility, however, has not yet been completed and accordingly, as a matter of practical convenience in order to expedite proceedings, the Working Party has agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that, pending final determination of the question of eligibility and the subsequent examination whether the measures are deemed to fall within the provisions of either paragraph 7 or paragraph 8 of Article XVIII, objections to the maintenance of measures may be submitted as if the measures were being considered under paragraph 8(b) of the Article.

7. These objections will not be considered until such subsequent examination takes place and the submission of objections will be without prejudice to determination by the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the question of eligibility and the relevance of paragraph 7 of Article XVIII.

8. Of the measures set out in Annex B to document GATT/CP.2/38/Rev.1 those notified by the Governments of Chile and the Netherlands have now been withdrawn by these Governments from consideration under Article XVIII.

9. The measures which are still under consideration therefore are those notified by :

- a) Cuba
- b) India
- c) Lebanon and Syria
- d) United Kingdom on behalf of Mauritius and Northern Rhodesia.

10. The Working Party accordingly recommends that the CONTRACTING PARTIES decide that contracting parties wishing to object to the measures notified by the Governments referred to in paragraph 9 above should submit any such objection, in writing, in the terms of paragraph 8 (b) of Article XVIII not later than 28 May 1949.

11. Relevant comments under paragraph 7 (a) (2) of Article XVIII may also be submitted at that time or later if concurrence under paragraph 7 of that Article is recommended in respect of any of these measures.

