

CONTRACTING PARTIES

Third Session

THIRD REPORT OF WORKING PARTY 2 ON ARTICLE XVIII

Date of Decision on Protective Measures proposed by Ceylon

1. The statement of considerations in support of the adoption of non-discriminatory protective measures submitted by the delegation of Ceylon on 5 May 1949, in GATT/CP.3/20, was referred to Working Party 2 for study and recommendation at the 14th meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 19 May 1949.
2. Paragraph 10 of Article XVIII requires that the CONTRACTING PARTIES advise the contracting party applying for the adoption of measures under the provisions of paragraph 7 or 8, at the earliest opportunity but ordinarily within fifteen days after receipt of the application, of the date by which it will be notified of the decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES as to whether or not it is released from the relevant obligation.
3. The Working Party, having regard to the further provision that this date shall not be later than 90 days after receipt of the application on 9 May 1949, and in agreement with the representative of Ceylon, recommends that the CONTRACTING PARTIES advise the Government of Ceylon that any decision under the provisions of paragraph 7 will be made as soon as possible and before the end of the present session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. The Working Party also agreed to return at a later stage of its work to the question of the interpretation of the provisions of paragraph 10 of Article XVIII in the light of the remarks made at the meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.