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ET LE COMMERCE

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Contracting Parties

ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS TARIFF BUREAU

The Belgian delegation has the honour to refer to the note by the Chairman of the Contracting Parties, dated 11 March 1949 (Document GATT/CP/14) and to submit to the Contracting Parties the following resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION

of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, concerning the grant of financial assistance and the furnishing of documentation to the International Customs Tariff Bureau in Brussels

The Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade:

Having regard to the importance of the work of the International Customs Tariff Bureau in Brussels and the services it has rendered to international organizations, government departments and the business world,

Having regard to the necessity for maintaining the high standard of this work and even extending the publication of customs tariffs and changes in tariff schedules,

Considering that the funds at present available to the Bureau are not sufficient to attain this object,

Considering that, owing to the delay in the establishment of the International Trade Organization, the financial assistance which the latter would afford the Bureau will also be delayed,

Considering the Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization on 14 September 1948 (Document ICITO/EC 2/SC 3/8),

Considering that the work of the Bureau should be continued until such time as the relationship between the Bureau and the International Trade Organization may be determined and brought into effect,

Considering that certain countries ~~parties~~ to the Convention of 5 July 1890 are still in arrears with their subscriptions,

Considering that the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is charged under the 1890 Convention with the adoption of the measures necessary for the organization and operation of the Bureau,

Considering that certain States parties to the 1890 Convention do not comply with their obligation under that Convention to transmit directly to the Bureau without delay two copies of their customs tariffs brought up to date, ~~with any changes therein,~~

Considering that it is desirable to facilitate the work of the Bureau to the greatest possible extent,

Recommend the Contracting Parties signatories to the 1890 Convention :

- 1) to arrange to pay up as promptly as possible any arrears of subscriptions due to the Bureau,
- 2) to give sympathetic consideration to any proposal to convene in Brussels before the end of 1949 a conference of delegates of countries parties to the 1890 Convention, its Agenda to include the recommendation to increase subscriptions pending the establishment of the International Trade Organization,
- 3) to communicate regularly any changes in their customs tariff schedules, using standard forms for such notification.

