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DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTATION OF EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATERIALS
REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO BY THE
COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS OR REPRESENTATIVES

Letter to the Chairman of the Contracting Parties

The following letter dated 17 March has been received from the Secretary of the Committee. The report to which it refers has been distributed by UNESCO as document UNESCO/MC/CONF.6/21.

"I have been instructed by the Director-General of Unesco to transmit to you the text of the Draft Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, as revised by the Committee of Government Experts or Representatives of Unesco Member States, which met in Geneva from 1st to 15th March 1950. I enclose, with the text, the report of the Committee to the Director-General.

"The Director-General would be most grateful if these documents might be brought to the attention of the Fourth Session of the Contracting Parties. It will be recalled that the Contracting Parties, at their Third Session, suggested to Unesco the text of a Draft Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, and it is that text, as revised by the Committee, which will be submitted to the Fifth Session of the General Conference of Unesco for adoption.

"Consequently, it was considered that the Contracting Parties might wish to have these documents for their information. It is to be noted, however, that, by agreement of the Geneva Committee, these documents are not to become public information until 1st April 1950.

"I am asked also to refer to the letter from the Director-General to those Member States of Unesco which are also Contracting Parties (GATT/CP.4/19). The Director-General has instructed me to recall the hope, expressed in his letter to Unesco Member States, that the Fourth Session of the Contracting Parties might take appropriate action with a view to the maximum inclusion of educational, scientific and cultural materials in the next tariff negotiations.

"I am to reiterate the view that "while plans are progressing for the adoption of an Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, these plans need not preclude the furtherance of more immediate, concomitant measures for facilitating trade in these materials by means of tariff negotiations".

"I should perhaps add that the Director-General has asked me, while in Geneva, to address this letter to you on his behalf in order to bring the matter to the attention of the Contracting Parties before the close of their Fourth Session."