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WORKING PARTY "D" ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ARTICLE XII:4 (b) REPORT

(proposed by the Secretariat)

Review of Restrictions applied under Article XII,  
January 1, 1951, required by Paragraph 4 (b)

Questionnaire to Contracting Parties

1. Do you restrict the importation of merchandise in order to safeguard your balance of payments under the provisions of Article XII? (1)

Note: It should be noted that import restrictions include those made effective either directly or indirectly through state-trading operations. The answer to this question should also take into account restrictions operated by means of exchange controls if those controls are used as a substitute for, or a supplement to, import restrictions.

2. If the answer to the first question is in the affirmative, describe the general system of import restrictions to safeguard your balance of payments which is now in effect. (1)

3. Are the import restrictions imposed in order to :

- (a) forestall an imminent decline in your monetary reserves,
- (b) stop a serious decline in your monetary reserves, or
- (c) achieve an increase in your reserves?

4. Describe the special factors which affect your reserves or need for reserves, such as the need to provide for the appropriate use of special external credits or other available resources.

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(1)

In answering the first two questions there is no need for contracting parties which replied to the Article XIV enquiry of 7 October 1949 (GATT/CP/39) to repeat the information furnished on that occasion.

5. Describe the main changes introduced since January 1, 1948 in the system described in your reply to question 2, with particular reference to :

- (a) the maintenance of restrictions which were in force prior to that date,
- (b) the institution of new restrictions since that date,
- (c) the intensification of restrictions, and
- (d) the relaxation of restrictions.

6. Describe the steps you have taken in order to comply with paragraph 3 (c) of Article XII.