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REVIEW OF QUANTITATIVE EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Working Party on Quantitative Restrictions of the Fourth Session, in its report to the Contracting Parties (GATT/CP.4/33), discussed a proposal to review the application of quantitative restrictions on exports. Paragraph 27 of the approved Report reads as follows:

"The Working Party considered it desirable to obtain in the future more systematic and comprehensive information on the subject of quantitative restrictions on exports which were maintained under the provisions of Articles XI to XX inclusive. It was agreed that the priority to be accorded to the preparation of such information should be determined in the light of the desirability of undertaking other enquiries into various aspects of commercial policy relevant to the provisions of the Agreement. The Working Party suggests that the matter might receive the early attention of the Contracting Parties."
2. This item has been placed on the provisional agenda for the Fifth Session as it is thought that the Contracting Parties, in view of the last sentence in the recommendation quoted above, may wish to give further consideration to the matter.
3. Should the Contracting Parties consider that information relating to the application of export restrictions should be obtained, the Secretariat might be instructed to (a) request contracting parties to supply information and documentation on quantitative export restrictions currently in force, including copies of laws and administrative decrees, etc., and (b) prepare a statement on the application of export restrictions for the consideration of the Contracting Parties at their Sixth Session.