

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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A REVIEW OF QUANTITATIVE EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

At the Fourth Session the Working Party on Quantitative Restrictions suggested that it was desirable to carry out an enquiry on quantitative restrictions on exports maintained by contracting parties under various provisions of Articles XI - XX and that this might receive the early attention of the Contracting Parties. At the fourth meeting of the Fifth Session, the Contracting Parties decided, in principle, that information relating to the application of export restrictions should be obtained, and the Secretariat was asked to supply a more detailed proposal. (Ref. GATT/CP.5/3 and SR.4).

A number of representatives who participated in the discussion on 4th November did not favour an enquiry if it would involve contracting parties in answering a lengthy questionnaire. Accordingly, it is proposed that the Contracting Parties might authorize the Executive Secretary to invite contracting parties to submit statements on the restrictive measures which they apply to exports, naming the products restricted and describing the method of restriction, together with a note of the circumstances which gave rise to the application of each measure and the provision of the General Agreement under which it is maintained.

Contracting parties might be asked to submit their statements not later than April 30, 1951, and the Executive Secretary might be authorized to prepare a memorandum, on the basis of the statements received for submission to the Sixth Session.

