

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## UNITED STATES DUTY ON DRIED FIGS

### Draft Resolution for Approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES

At the meeting on 5 October the CONTRACTING PARTIES examined the reports submitted by the Governments of Greece, Turkey and the United States, as required by the Decision of 8 November 1952, on their consultations concerning the modification of the concession on dried figs by the United States Government. The CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed to adopt a resolution reaffirming that of last year and requesting further reports. Accordingly, the following draft resolution is submitted for approval:

### DRAFT RESOLUTION OF 20 OCTOBER 1953 ON THE INCREASE OF THE UNITED STATES DUTY ON DRIED FIGS

TAKING NOTE that

1. the Governments of Greece, Turkey and the United States had submitted progress reports on the consultations they had held between the Seventh and Eighth Sessions concerning the modification of the concession on dried figs (paragraph 740 of the Tariff Act of 1930 of the United States) announced on 16 August 1952, pursuant to Article XIX of the General Agreement;
2. the United States Government caused a supplemental investigation to be made by the United States Tariff Commission, the President of the United States announced that the existing rates of duty with respect to dried figs were not to be altered at that time in view of the Commission's recommendation that the escape clause action which increased the duty remained necessary to prevent serious injury to the domestic industry, and the United States Tariff Commission has been instructed to keep the conditions affecting the fig industry under review and to report periodically to the President;
3. the United States Government is continuing its consultations with the Governments of Greece and Italy with a view to determining a basis of agreement for restoring the balance of the General Agreement; and
4. the Government of Turkey, continuing to consider that the only satisfactory solution would be the restoration of the concession rate granted at Torquay on dried figs by the Government of the

United States, reserves the right to submit this matter for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at a later session,

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

REAFFIRM their conviction that the most satisfactory solution of the matter is a restoration by the United States of the concession on dried figs negotiated at Torquay, and

REQUEST the United States and the consulting governments to report at the Ninth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES as to further action taken in this matter.