

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## FIRST INTERIM REPORT OF WORKING PARTY I

### Applications of Ceylon under Article XVIII

1. The delegation of Ceylon has notified the Working Party that, with respect to a number of the items included in its request, it wishes to amend its proposal in the following ways. Ceylon had originally intended to ask for a renewal in the case of each release for a period of years from a current date. The representative of Ceylon pointed out, however, that except in the case of cotton banians, the date on which controls had actually been applied under the existing release was substantially later than the date of the release. Except in the case of cotton banians for which it has asked an extension of two years, Ceylon has now decided to ask only for the additional time of which it did not take advantage under the original release. It has also decided to withdraw its request with respect to towels and towelling, for which the existing release does not expire until 1 July 1956. Annex A summarises the date of the original release in each case, the date on which controls were instituted, the expiration date of the present release and the extended date for which Ceylon is making application.

2. The Working Party considered that portion of the application of Ceylon (L/230/Rev.1) which involves the extension of releases for items in the Ceylon Schedule, namely plywood chests and glassware. Having heard the statement of the Ceylon representative the Working Party agreed that the request with respect to these items is eligible for consideration under the provisions of Article XVIII and that the provisions of paragraph 5 of that Article are applicable. Ceylon has, therefore, in effect asked the CONTRACTING PARTIES in accordance with that paragraph and the related provisions of paragraph 3(b) to sponsor negotiations between it and the materially affected contracting parties, looking toward the extension of the releases previously granted. The representative of Ceylon indicated the willingness of his Government to negotiate with the countries with whom the releases were originally negotiated and with any other contracting party which can establish that it would be materially affected by the proposed measures.

3. The Working Party therefore proposes that the CONTRACTING PARTIES request that the Working Party be notified by any contracting party that now considers itself materially affected by the measures with respect to plywood chests and glassware, so that it may recommend procedures and a time schedule for such negotiations in accordance with the relevant provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XVIII. The Working Party suggests that the CONTRACTING PARTIES ask for notifications not later than 15 November.

4. If the proposal and suggestion are approved, the Working Party will report further on these items after receiving any such notifications. It will of course also report at a later date to the CONTRACTING PARTIES with respect to the other items in Ceylon's request.

ANNEX A

<u>Product</u>	<u>Date of Release</u>	<u>Date of Expiration</u>	<u>Date of Control under IPA</u>	<u>Extension Requested until</u>
Cotton Sarongs	13.8.49	13.8.54	15.10.52	15.10.57
Plywood Chests	2.3.50	2.3.55	14.3.53	14.3.58
Glassware				
(i) tumblers	2.3.50	2.3.55	1.9.51	1.9.56
(ii) chimneys	2.3.50	2.3.55	15.10.52	15.10.57
Cotton banians	1.5.52 <sup>1</sup>	1.5.55	1.5.52	1.5.57

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<sup>1</sup> The release was granted on 8 November 1952 for three years from 1 May 1952.