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UNITED KINGDOM WAIVER FROM ARTICLE I

Application to items unbound subsequently to the grant of the waiver

With reference to the item added to the Ninth Session agenda, the United Kingdom delegation has submitted the following draft decision:

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Eighth Session decided that, subject to certain conditions and procedures, the provisions of paragraph 4(b) of Article I should not be so applied that, when the Government of the United Kingdom impose or increase a most-favoured-nation rate of protective duty in respect of a given class or description of goods for which they had not as of 24 October 1953, being the date of the aforesaid decision, negotiated tariff concessions, they should be required to impose a duty on such goods when imported from territories listed in Annex A to the General Agreement,

HAVING RECEIVED from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland a request that this decision should be amended so as also to apply, subject to the same conditions and procedures, to most-favoured-nation rates of protective duty modified or withdrawn consistently with the provisions of the General Agreement.

NOTING that this decision, so amended would not apply in respect of a modification or withdrawal of a most-favoured-nation rate of protective duty for which the Government of the United Kingdom had as of 24 October 1953 negotiated a tariff concession unless its application in that case was in conformity with the conditions and procedures agreed at the Eighth Session for providing other contracting parties with full safeguards as regards any likelihood of substantial increase of imports into the United Kingdom from territories listed in Annex A at the expense of imports from other sources,

DECIDE that, as from this date, the decision of 24 October 1953 shall extend to the imposition or increase of a most-favoured-nation rate of protective duty in connection with the modification or withdrawal, consistently with the provisions of the General Agreement, of a tariff concession which the Government of the United Kingdom had negotiated as of 24 October 1953, and that accordingly the decision of 24 October 1953, shall apply subject to the deletion of the following words:

- (a) from the first paragraph "and for which they have negotiated no tariff concessions",
- (b) from the seventh paragraph "for which they have not of this date negotiated tariff concessions".