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CONSULAR FORMALITIES

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Addendum

GREECE

Statement of 19 September 1955

"Greek regulations concerning consular formalities have not been modified in the course of the past year.

"Accordingly, under the existing regulations, consular visas are not required in the case of imports from other contracting parties. On the other hand, a visa is required where goods are not imported direct from the country of origin but have been transshipped or have been in transit through a free port or a free zone in a third country where they have been distributed for forwarding to other markets (see documents L/92/Add.1 of 18 September 1953 and L/279 of 12 November 1954.)"

HAITI

Statement of 21 September 1955

"The elimination of consular invoices, of the consular visa affixed to commercial invoices, of certificates of origin, manifests, etc. should be completed as soon as possible and in any case by 31 December 1956. In the meantime, contracting parties have been requested to observe standard practices relating to consular formalities and it has been agreed that the contracting parties should report annually on action taken by them towards the elimination of such formalities.

"I am in a position to inform you that no progress has been achieved towards the abolition of consular visas by the Haitian Government. During the year ending 30 September 1955 there has been a contraction of public revenue as a result of devastation caused in Haiti by the cyclone called Hazel, so that it is not possible for the Government to do without any of the existing taxes or charges.

"Until the Government has clear indications as to future developments concerning other sources of revenue, they cannot envisage the elimination of consular taxes within a short period, though efforts will be made gradually to eliminate existing requirements in the field of formalities."

