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CEYLON APPLICATION UNDER ARTICLE XVIII

Request for Extension of Release

1. The Government of Ceylon has requested an extension of the release granted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES under Section C of Article XVIII with respect to sarongs, sarees and cotton piece-goods. The request is made in the following terms:

"At the thirteenth session Ceylon obtained a release to protect its domestic sarongs, sarees and other cotton piece-goods industry by merging in one common import bracket, nineteen items of sarongs, sarees and piece-goods whether of cotton or of any mixed material including artificial mixtures. At the fifteenth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES granted coverage for an additional item namely, sarees under tariff item 841-05.03.

"At the sixteenth session the inclusion of three other grades of piece-goods, namely, crêpe, satin and haircord in the list of items regulated under the Industrial Products Act was approved after consultations had been conducted between Japan and Ceylon.

"The release expired on 27 August 1963.

"Alternative measures of assistance for the domestic industry are being actively considered but there is no immediate prospect of releasing this control and Ceylon considers it essential that the protection should be extended for a period of two years. This application is submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for an extension of the release up to 27 August 1965."

2. Accompanying this request is a statement of considerations covering the points listed in the questionnaire for Article XVIII applications. One copy of that statement will be forwarded to each contracting party.

3. The request will be included in the agenda for the meeting of the Council in December and it is suggested that the Council, following the usual practice, may wish to appoint a panel to deal with it.

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