

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARTICLE XX - SUB-PARAGRAPH (j)

Note by the Director-General

1. In accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (j) of Article XX the CONTRACTING PARTIES were to review the need for that sub-paragraph not later than 30 June 1960.
2. The present sub-paragraph (j) is an amended version of paragraph (a) of Section II of the original Article XX¹, which Section contained exceptions which were originally adopted to take care of temporary situations arising out of the war. During the ninth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES reviewing the GATT decided to eliminate the other temporary exceptions contained in Section II, but agreed to retain for the time being the substance of paragraph (a) which was laid down, with the provision for review, in the present sub-paragraph (j).²
3. When reviewing the need for this sub-paragraph at their sixteenth session (May 1960)³ the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that the sub-paragraph be retained for a further five years and that the need for its continued retention be reviewed again at the end of that period. A similar decision was taken at the twenty-second session (March 1965).⁴ As a consequence of this last Decision the CONTRACTING PARTIES are to review the need for this sub-paragraph before June 1970.
4. It is proposed to include this question on the agenda for a meeting of the Council of Representatives in January in order that the Council can submit a recommendation to the twenty-sixth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

¹See BISD, Volume I.

²See BISD, Third Supplement, page 230.

³See SR.16/3 and BISD, Ninth Supplement, page 17.

⁴See SR.22/3 and BISD, Thirteenth Supplement, page 18.