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Statement of Conclusions for Approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES

(Proposals by the Chairman)

When the question of the Rome Treaty was discussed in the Plenary Meeting on 10 November, it was suggested that a statement of conclusions should be drawn up. Accordingly, the following is proposed for approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

On the basis of the Chairman's summary of the debate (SR.13/15) the CONTRACTING PARTIES concurred in the following conclusions:

(a) as many contracting parties considered that because of the nature of the Rome Treaty there were a number of important matters on which there was not at this time sufficient information to enable the CONTRACTING PARTIES to complete the examination of the Rome Treaty pursuant to paragraph 7 of Article XXIV, this examination and the discussion of the legal questions involved in it could not usefully be pursued at the present time;

(b) this postponement would clearly not prejudice the rights of the CONTRACTING PARTIES under Article XXIV,

(c) the CONTRACTING PARTIES welcomed the readiness of the members of the EEC to furnish further information pursuant to paragraph 7(a) of Article XXIV as the evolution of the Community proceeded;

(d) the CONTRACTING PARTIES welcomed the willingness of the members of the EEC to accept requests for consultations under Article XXII - in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Intersessional Committee report as amended at this Session - regarding damage, or serious threat of damage to the trade interests of other contracting parties, arising from the application of the Rome Treaty;

(e) the CONTRACTING PARTIES also welcomed the willingness of the members of the EEC to furnish in Article XXII consultations information as to the measures arising out of the application of the Treaty;

(f) the CONTRACTING PARTIES noted that the other normal procedures of the General Agreement would also be available to contracting parties to call in question any measures taken by any of the six countries in the application of the provisions of the Rome Treaty, it being open of course to such country to invoke the benefit of Article XXIV in so far as it considered that this Article provided justification for any action which might otherwise be inconsistent with a provision or provisions of the General Agreement.