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Letter received by the Chairman from the Indian
Delegation

The following letter has been received by the Chairman of the Contracting Parties from the Leader of the Indian Delegation.

"September 6th, 1948.

"Sir,

In accordance with paragraph 6 of Article XVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, I am directed to submit the following statement on the quantitative restriction maintained by the Government of India on imports of grinding wheels and segments and to apply for the approval of the Contracting Parties to the maintenance of the measure. The measure was in force on September 1, 1947, and was duly notified to the other Contracting Parties before October 10, 1947.

2. Nature of the measure: Imports of certain varieties of grinding wheels and segments into India are prohibited by administrative action. The prohibition applies equally to imports from all sources. No concession has been granted in respect of grinding wheels and segments under Schedule XII - INDIA.

3. Purpose of the measure and considerations in support of its maintenance: The measure has been imposed to protect the domestic grinding wheels industry in accordance with India's programme of economic development. The industry was established during the Second World War and was protected by the abnormal circumstances created by the war. The Government of India have assisted the development of the industry by placing all railway and Government orders with Indian manufacturers up to the limit of their productive capacity and by permitting imports of synthetic abrasive grain free of duty. The industry is likely to suffer serious

damage if the protection at present granted to it is reduced or withdrawn.

4. Duration of the measure: The Government of India are unable at this stage to indicate the probable duration of the measure, but they propose to review the position not later than March 31, 1951.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) Raghavan Pillai

(N. Raghavan Pillai)
Leader, Indian Delegation.

To
the Chairman,
Contracting Parties to the
General Agreement on Tariffs
and Trade, Palais des Nations."