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Item 8 - Part II of Article XX

DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT IN PART II OF ARTICLE XX

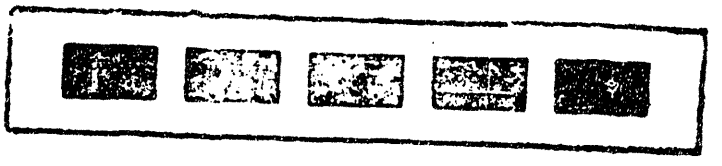
Note by the Executive Secretary

At the meeting of the Contracting Parties on 27 September it was agreed to extend the date in Part II of Article XX for another two years until 1954. Accordingly the following draft decision is proposed for acceptance by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

WHEREAS it is provided in Article XX that measures instituted under Part II of Article XX, which are inconsistent with other provisions of the General Agreement, shall be removed as soon as the conditions giving rise to them have ceased, and in any event not later than January 1, 1951,

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Fifth Session considered that the conditions due to the war had not improved at the rate and to the extent expected when the said provisions were drawn up and therefore waived the obligations of the contracting parties under Part II of Article XX until January 1, 1952, and

WHEREAS these conditions have still not improved sufficiently to warrant the enforcement of the said obligations,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting under Article XXV 5(a),

DECIDE to waive until January 1, 1954, the obligation of contracting parties instituting or maintaining measures under Part II of Article XX to discontinue them or seek the approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for their continuance.