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TORQUAY NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII Unfinished Negotiations

(Resolution of 3 April 1951, GATT/CP/107 & SECRET/CP/16/Rev.1)

1. Schedule XXVI - Haiti

The Resolution of the Contracting Parties of 3 April 1951, on procedures for completing Article XXVIII negotiations unfinished at Torquay, authorizes the Government of Haiti to pursue the negotiation for the withdrawal or modification of the items listed in the annex to the Resolution.

Agreement had been reached at Torquay between Haiti and France but could not be formalized pending the conclusion of the negotiation between Haiti and an interested contracting party, the United States. The latter negotiation was still in progress when the Resolution was approved, but was completed by the Haitian Government in time for the insertion of the results in Schedule XXVI annexed to the Torquay Protocol. This negotiation, therefore, is to be considered as completed at Torquay.

2. Schedule XI - France

The negotiation entered into at Torquay between the Delegations of France and Ceylon for the modification of the rates of duty relating to copra, palm-kernel oil and coconut oil, originally negotiated at Geneva with Benelux and Ceylon, was unfinished at the close of the Torquay Conference. In the Resolution of 3 April 1951 the Government of France was authorized to pursue this negotiation and was asked to endeavour to reach an agreement by 1 July 1951.

The Government of France has now notified as follows:

"The resumption of negotiations between France and Ceylon was subject to an agreement being reached between France and the Associated States of Indochina. It is now certain that negotiations between France and Indochina will not be opened before 1 July and that it will consequently not be possible for the French Government to begin negotiations with Ceylon within the prescribed time limit. The French Government have informed the Government of Ceylon that, in the circumstances, they were obliged to consider themselves free as regards the products in question."

Accordingly, the French Government considers that it is free, as from

the 30th day after the notification, to apply the new rates agreed upon at Torquay with the other interested contracting parties as follows:

"112 B	Copra	10% but not less than frs 500 per 100 kg gross weight (instead of 8% without specified minimum)
"146 K	Fixed oils, liquid or solid, of vegetable origin, crude or refined :	
	- palm kernels and coconut (copra) oils, crude :	
	-- intended for soap or stearine works	15% (instead of 6%)
	-- other	15% (instead of 12%)"

The notification by the French Government was received on 7 June 1951 and in accordance with that communication the new rates will be applied from the 7th July.

