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TEMPORARY CHARGES ON IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

The following communication dated 22 February 1965 has been received from the Permanent Representative in Geneva of the United Kingdom Government.

I refer to my letter dated 27 October 1964 informing you of the decision of Her Majesty's Government to impose a charge of 15 per cent ad valorem on imports into the United Kingdom.¹

As I explained this step was taken as a temporary measure, needed to restrain imports while other steps were taken to strengthen the United Kingdom economy and balance of payments. It has all along been the intention of Her Majesty's Government to keep the charge under review, to reduce it as soon as circumstances permitted and to abolish it at the earliest opportunity.

As announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer this afternoon, Her Majesty's Government have now decided that enough progress is being made to enable them to reduce the charge from 15 per cent to 10 per cent on all the goods subject to it entered with Her Majesty's Customs on or after 27 April 1965. I am asked to request you to inform the Contracting Parties accordingly.

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