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Addendum

Delete paragraph 12 of W.9/230 and substitute the following

12. The facilities of the attached Decision are available to all contracting parties to the General Agreement without distinction. It was, however, pointed out by a number of representatives of underdeveloped countries that contracting parties which would operate under Section B of Article XVIII might face problems of the type described in the Preamble of the Decision, a substantial time after the date of 31 December 1957 which is specified in the Decision. These representatives pointed out that their governments would need an assurance from the CONTRACTING PARTIES that, should these problems arise and having due regard to the terms of the preamble of the Decision, they would receive treatment as favourable as it is now proposed to grant countries expecting to avail themselves of the facilities under the Decision by the time specified.

13. The Sub-Group recognized that those countries might face problems of this sort in the future. It concluded, however that, as these countries, or many of them, expected to be availing themselves of the provisions of Section B of Article XVIII for a considerable time to come, it would not be appropriate to provide in this Decision for problems which might only arise at the end of that time by an extension in advance of the validity of the Decision beyond what is now contemplated.

14. In view of the foregoing, the Sub-Group recommends that, in order to give an assurance to the governments concerned, the CONTRACTING PARTIES should formally place on record, by the adoption of the report of the Working Party, that, if such problems should arise in the future for the countries in question, they would accord such contracting parties consideration as favourable as they have shown in considering the problems with which the Decision is intended to deal.