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DECISION RELATING TO BASE DATES UNDER ARTICLE I,
PARAGRAPH 4, IN RESPECT OF AUSTRALIA, THE FEDERATION
OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND, AND THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Draft Decision Submitted by the Delegation of the United States

RECALLING that on 29 October 1954 the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade declared that the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland should thenceforth be deemed to be a contracting party and to have acquired the rights and obligations under the Agreement which formerly pertained to the Government of Southern Rhodesia and to the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of the territories of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and that on 1 July 1955 a new tariff of the Federation entered into force to replace the tariffs previously in effect in the territories which now constitute the Federation together with new trade agreements between the Federation on the one hand and Australia and the Union of South Africa on the other hand;

CONSIDERING that by the Decision of 3 December 1955 and subsequent related actions the CONTRACTING PARTIES accepted the increases in margins of preference resulting from the application of the 1955 tariff of the Federation and its 1955 Agreements with Australia and the Union of South Africa as not increasing the over-all level of preferences accorded by the three contracting parties involved, and made provision that, following the completion of the adjustments permitted by the 1955 Decision, the CONTRACTING PARTIES would establish new dates for the purposes of paragraph 4 of Article I of the General Agreement for the Federation, and for Australia and the Union of South Africa in respect of products of the Federation; and

CONSIDERING that a number of adjustments in margins of preference have been made under the 1955 Decision, and that the periods thereunder for making any further adjustments under the terms of that Decision have expired:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the authority of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement,

DECIDE that the obligations of the Governments of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, of Australia, and of the Union of South Africa under Article I of the General Agreement are modified to the extent necessary to make the following changes in the dates applicable to such contracting parties for the purposes of paragraph 4 of that Article and of Annex G to the General Agreement subject to the following relevant conditions:

1. Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: 3 December 1955; provided that the tariff adjustments made by the Federation on 8 March 1957 and tariff adjustments made at any time by it pursuant to the Decision of 3 December 1955 shall be deemed, for this purpose, to have been in effect on that date.

2. Australia in relation to products of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: 20 November 1959.

3. The Union of South Africa in relation to products of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: 30 June 1960; provided that the tariff adjustments made effective by the Union on 1 July 1960 pursuant to the Decision of 3 December 1955 shall be deemed, for this purpose, to have been in effect on that date.