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WORKING PARTY ON AUSTRALIAN REQUEST TO GRANT PREFERENCES FOR LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Notifications from Governments

1. At its first meeting the Working Party agreed, inter alia, that countries considering that they should also be included within the scope of the scheme (i.e. countries not included in the provisional list of less-developed countries to which the preferences would be extended, contained in Annex I of the Australian request L/2443 and Add.1, but considering themselves to be less-developed countries), should be invited to notify this fact to the Working Party, through the secretariat, and to the Australian Government (L/2457, paragraph 18).
2. During the meeting of the Working Party the representatives of Cuba, Ivory Coast, Greece and Turkey informed the Working Party that, in their opinion, their countries should be added to the list annexed to the Australian request (L/2457, paragraph 18).
3. Since that date the following notifications have been received from the delegations mentioned hereunder:

Cuba

"I have the honour to refer to documents L/2443 dated 4 June 1965 and L/2457 dated 14 July and to inform you on behalf of my Government, that Cuba wishes to be included in the list of countries benefiting from the preferences which the Australian Government proposes to grant to less-developed countries."

Greece

"With reference to the document L/2443, paragraph 14, dated 4 June 1965 regarding the request for a waiver by Australia and to the statement made by the Australian delegate at the meeting of the Working Party on 23 June 1965 to the effect that the list of countries to receive the preferences proposed by the Australian Government is only indicative and that the preferential duties will be applied to all countries which the CONTRACTING PARTIES will consider to be less-developed, I hereby notify that Greece wishes to be added to this list."

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Netherlands

"In accordance with the procedure agreed upon in today's meeting of the Working Party on the Australian waiver, I am bringing to your attention that the Netherlands Government consider any list of developing countries incomplete if it does not mention Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles."

Turkey

"With reference to the document L/2443, paragraph 14, dated 4 June 1965 regarding the request for a waiver by Australia and to the statement made by the Australian delegate at the meeting of the Working Party on 23 June 1965 to the effect that the list of countries to receive the preferences proposed by the Australian Government is only indicative and that the preferential duties will be applied to all countries which the CONTRACTING PARTIES will consider to be less-developed, I hereby reiterate our concern and notify that Turkey wishes to be included in this list."

