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REPORT OF WORKING PARTY 8 ON CUBAN TEXTILES¹

4. On 6 July, after having held eight meetings, the Working Party decided to suspend its meetings and, at its suggestion, the Cuban and United States Delegations agreed to enter into exploratory conversations with a view to finding whether there existed a satisfactory basis for negotiations looking towards a revision of some tariff items on textile products contained in

- (a) That the CONTRACTING PARTIES would authorize their Chairman to arrange for an enquiry to be conducted as to the nature and extent of the difficulties encountered by the Cuban textile industry, such enquiry to be completed not later than 30 November 1949, and to convene the Working Party after the completion of the enquiry to examine the conclusions of that enquiry and to submit recommendations to the Governments of Cuba and the United States for settlement of the question raised by Cuba.

This proposal was acceptable to the United States Delegation but the Government of Cuba indicated that this procedure would be acceptable only if, before the end of the session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES authorized the Cuban Government under the provisions of Article XXV 5(a) to take some emergency measures to meet the immediate

on the above basis as soon as possible after the termination of the present session. If any agreement is forthcoming from any such negotiations, the revised duties which the two parties concerned would recommend be inserted in the GATT Schedules would be communicated by the Chairman to all contracting parties and if no objection is raised within 30 days by any contracting party materially affected, the revised duties would become effective on the expiration of a further