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DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION
submitted by the Netherlands Delegate

THE COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the objectives laid down by the Contracting Parties in the Convention for the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, namely to achieve as soon as possible and maintain a satisfactory level of economic activity and employment without extraordinary outside assistance;

Having noted the declarations and suggestions formulated by the various delegations and the Economic Co-operation Administrator contained in documents C(49)100, CGM(49)17, CGM(49)18, C(49)176.

Re-affirms its intention, in conformity with the Convention of European Economic Co-operation, of abolishing restrictions obstructing trade and payments between the participating countries;

Recognises that the measures taken or intended concerning the abolition of quantitative restrictions are an important step towards this objective, but, nevertheless, that further progress can only be achieved and the results reached at present consolidated subject to certain prior conditions.

Recognises, in particular, that in this respect it may be necessary to provide for a closer economic and monetary association on a regional basis between some of the participating countries, in whose case the conditions required for a more complete integration have already been achieved; it being understood that such arrangements must be compatible with those larger prospects which the united action of all the participating countries can provide;

I HEREBY DECIDES:

1. To eliminate progressively all quantitative restrictions on imports between participating countries.
2. To study a procedure under which exceptions should be allowed.
3. To eliminate progressively protectionist elements from the existing tariffs of the participating countries.
4. To abolish all abnormal practices in the sphere of international trade and, more especially the system of dual pricing prevailing in certain countries.
5. To establish a system of transferability of European currencies and to set up a monetary fund for this purpose.

II The Executive Committee is invited to study the action that can be taken in the immediate future and to prepare a programme for the full implementation of the above mentioned principles.

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This programme should include, so far as necessary, the comparison of the participating countries' financial, economic, social tariff and investment policies.

The Executive Committee shall report to the Council by 15th. January, 1950 at the latest.

- III. Having regard to the desirability of closer economic or financial arrangements on a regional basis between two or more participating countries for the purpose of furthering the aim of European Co-operation, any participating country contemplating such arrangements will notify the Organisation, indicating the broad outline of such proposed arrangements, and the progress, which it will be possible to achieve as a result of these arrangements with a view to attaining the aims of the Organisation.

Paris, November 1th, 1950.

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