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UNITED STATES SUBSIDY ON EXPORT OF SULTANAS

Note by the Turkish Delegation

The question of subsidies accorded by the United States Government on the export of sultanas, which has been put on the agenda on the initiative of the Greek Government, is one which has a great importance for Turkey.

These subsidies have a detrimental effect on the production and exports in the other producing countries. The possibilities of supplying a great part of their consumption from the United States at considerably low prices, as a result of the subsidies in question, lead the European countries to withdraw from our market as long as possible and especially the reluctance of large purchasers and countries which buy sultanas in bulk causes a great deal of hesitation and unrest among the Turkish exporters and leads them to lower the prices offered to the producers. The net result of this situation reflects itself in the diminution of the vineyard area and the smaller crops obtained since 1949.

Consequently the Turkish Delegation would like to express to the Contracting Parties the fact that they would appreciate very much if the United States Government would reconsider, in the light of the article XVI of the General Agreement, their policy in connection with subsidising the export of sultanas and at least bring the subsidies down to a level which will not be harmful to the producers of the other countries.