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## UNITED STATES EXPORT SUBSIDY ON SULTANAS

### Report by the Greek Government

At their Seventh Session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES considered a complaint lodged by Greece, supported by other delegations, in regard to the régime of subsidies applied by the United States Government promoting the production of sultanas in their country and facilitating development of their exportation, to the detriment of similar Greek products. The CONTRACTING PARTIES made a recommendation that the government concerned enter into bilateral consultation with a view to reaching abolition of the subsidies in question which, moreover, run counter to the objectives of the General Agreement. Consultations for that purpose were held, but no definite result was achieved, save a slight reduction of the subsidy fixed for the year 1952-53; the reduction having, however, been dictated by factors of an exclusively domestic nature connected with United States economy, could not be regarded as being related to those consultations.

The conversations which the Greek delegation have had with the United States delegation on the matter hold forth the prospect that a more considerable reduction may follow.

In the absence of any more concrete results, and effective sanctions, we trust the above hopeful view of the situation may prove justified.