Committee III - Expansion of Trade

PROCEDURES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR COMMITTEE III

On 1 June 1960, the Committee agreed that the procedure, noted below, should apply to the programme for its next meeting, scheduled for the period 28 September – 6 October 1960.

The subject matter to be dealt with by the Committee may be considered under the following five categories:

1. A general discussion of all matters falling within the Committee's terms of reference. In particular, the discussion should include a review of the progress made by individual contracting parties in carrying out recommendations of the Committee. (See document L/1063, paragraphs 14 and 17; also, document L/1162, paragraphs 3 and 10, plus the commodity papers attached to the latter report). For the purpose of this discussion, it is the intention of the secretariat to prepare a report, on the basis of information to be supplied by individual contracting parties, concerning steps taken by them. These contracting parties are invited to inform the secretariat of such steps not later than 15 August 1960. Further notifications may be made at the meeting itself.

2. An examination of the second group of commodities. This examination should be directed, not only towards barriers to trade hampering exports from less-developed countries, but also to such questions as export promotion (including a discussion of market possibilities), marketing techniques and the promotion of exports among less-developed countries themselves. (See document L/1162, paragraph 2, items 3 and 4 of work programme, also paragraphs 10, 11, 12 and 13).

For the purpose of the discussion, the following information should be made available:

(a) Schedules on trade barriers as foreseen in paragraph 10 of document L/1162. Drafts will be submitted by the secretariat for revision and completion by the contracting parties about mid-July.

(b) Basic statistics over a period of years showing production, consumption, imports and exports.
(c) Comments on export promotion, market possibilities and marketing techniques. As mentioned in document 'COM.III/17, it would be helpful if less-developed countries were able to give an indication of the increase in exports of various items which they would hope to achieve as a result of the elimination of barriers to trade. All members of the Committee are requested to submit their comments at the latest by mid-August.

3. The establishment of a third list of products. Those members of the Committee representing less-developed countries should furnish, by the end of September, suggestions for further products to be examined, if possible together with supporting information regarding development plans in relation to individual products.

4. Consideration of future work programme, particularly with a view to determining additional possibilities in relation to a study of the possibility of channelling the expansion of existing industries or starting new industries by less-developed countries; as well as a study of measures which might be taken by less-developed countries to improve production and marketing techniques. Interested contracting parties will recall that the Committee agreed that, if a thorough study of this section of the work programme was to be carried out, it would be necessary for the Committee to be furnished with supporting information about plans which might exist in individual less-developed countries for the development of individual products for the increase of their export-earning capacity (L/1162, paragraph 11).

5. Report to the Seventeenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.