GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES
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WORKING PARTY 4 ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

Redraft of Proposals submitted by the Executive Secretary

Corrigendum

Replace "A. Negotiations with a government wishing to accede to the General Agreement"

with the following:

1. The Secretariat on receiving a communication from the Government of Ruritania that it wishes to enter into negotiations with contracting parties with a view to acceding to the Agreement would notify the contracting parties by cable, together with an indication to the contracting parties with which Ruritania intends to enter into such negotiations. On receipt of such a communication each contracting party would be expected to advise within 30 days, or within 60 days should any contracting party so request, whether

(a) it had any objections to Ruritania entering into negotiations under these procedures with a view to accession,

(b) in the event of negotiations taking place, it would wish to participate.

2. If three or more contracting parties advise that they object under paragraph 1(a), the request of Ruritania would be referred to the next session of the Contracting Parties. However, in a case of urgent necessity a special session of the Contracting Parties could be called, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, at the request of any contracting party which had advised its desire to enter into negotiations with Ruritania.

3. Unless objections were so raised by three or more contracting parties, the Secretariat would consult with the participating governments (i.e. Ruritania and the participating contracting parties) to determine:

(a) the site for the negotiations;

(b) the date on which the lists of requests should be exchanged; and

(c) the date of entering into negotiations.
As far as possible in advance of the date it is proposed to enter into negotiations, participating governments should submit 50 copies of their request lists to the Secretariat for circulation to other contracting parties.

4. The participating governments could set up a Tariff Negotiations Committee to render assistance on questions of procedure and other matters connected with the conduct of the negotiations.

5. The negotiations would be conducted in accordance with the rules and principles laid down in GATT/TN.2/16, Section III.

6. A draft protocol of accession, with the schedules of tariff concessions annexed, and a draft decision under Article XXXIII relating to the accession of Ruritania would be submitted to the next session of the Contracting Parties for approval. However, in the event that a substantial period would elapse between the conclusion of the negotiations and the next session, and on the request of the participating governments, the Secretariat would circulate a protocol and a decision containing the provisions of the model protocol and decision contained in Annex A to these procedures. On receipt of a favourable vote on the decision from two-thirds of the contracting parties the protocol would be opened for signature.