ADVANCE AGENDA FOR THE NINTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO BE HELD IN GENEVA COMMENCING 28 OCTOBER 1954

The following is an advance list of the items to be included in the Provisional Agenda for the Ninth Session. This list has been prepared on the basis of records and information available to the secretariat and includes several proposals by contracting parties.

Under rule 2 of the rules of procedure contracting parties may propose additional items for inclusion in the Provisional Agenda up to one month from the opening of the session, i.e. until 28 September.

This advance agenda, together with any additional items proposed by contracting parties, will be examined by the Intersessional Committee at its next meeting which is to be held in Geneva commencing on 26 October.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

   Under rule 10 of the rules of procedure the terms of office of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen will expire at the opening of the Session.

3. REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT (L/189 and Add.1, and G/83)

   Discussion of this item will begin on 8 November.

4. TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS (Report by the Intersessional Committee)

5. STATUS OF SCHEDULES AFTER 30 JUNE 1955

6. ACCESSION OF JAPAN - L/210 (Recommendations of the Intersessional Committee)

7. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

   (a) Consultations under Article XIV:1(g) with Australia, Ceylon, New Zealand, Rhodesia and Nyasaland and the United Kingdom (L/194 and Add.1)

   (b) Fifth Annual Report on Discrimination
8. CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION
   (a) Methods of Valuation (Report by the Intersessional Committee)
   (b) Nationality of Imported Goods (Comments on proposed definition of origin)
   (c) Consular Formalities (Reports on measures taken towards abolition)
   (d) Documentary Requirements (Reports on compliance with standard practices)

9. ANNUAL REPORTS ON WAIVERS
   (a) European Coal and Steel Community (Report by the governments of the member States)
   (b) United Kingdom Waiver on Article I (Report by the United Kingdom)
   (c) Australia/Papua-New Guinea (Report by Australia)
   (d) Italy/Libya (Reports by Italy and Libya)

10. FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND (Report by the Intersessional Committee)

11. ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XXIV
   (a) Customs Union Agreement between South Africa and Southern Rhodesia
       ("Plan and Schedule" required by Declaration of 18 May 1949)
   (b) South Africa/Southern Rhodesia (Report of the Southern Africa Customs Union Council)
   (c) Nicaragua/El Salvador (Report by Nicaragua)

12. COMPLAINTS
   (a) United States dairy Products (Report by the United States)
   (b) United States Duty on dried Figs (Report by the United States, Greece and Italy)
   (c) United States Subsidy on Exports of Oranges (Item proposed by Italy)
   (d) Brazilian internal Taxes (Report by Brazil)
   (e) Brazilian compensatory Concessions (Report by Brazil)
   (f) Belgian dollar import Restrictions (Report by Belgium)
   (g) Belgian family Allowances (Report by Belgium - L/187)
   (h) French "Statistical Tax" on Imports and Exports - SR.8/7 (Report by France)
   (j) French "Special temporary compensation Tax" on Imports - L/213 (Item proposed by Italy)
   (k) Swedish anti-dumping Duties - L/215 (Item proposed by Italy)
   (l) Turkish import Taxes and export Bonuses - L/214 (Item proposed by Italy)
13. SCHEDULES AND PROTOCOLS
   (a) Rectification of Schedules. (Requests for rectifications are to be submitted by 1 September - L/212)
   (b) Status of Protocols (L/211)
14. DISCRIMINATION IN TRANSPORT INSURANCE (Report by the Executive Secretary)
15. RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES
16. ARTICLE XVIII: NOTIFICATION BY URUGUAY (GATT/CP.3/40/Add.4)
17. SAMPLES CONVENTION (Report on accessions)
18. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET (Report by Working Party)
   (a) Financial Statement for 1954
   (b) Budget Estimates for 1955
19. RENEWAL OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERSESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT
20. DATE AND PLACE OF THE TENTH SESSION