GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

FIRST SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

SECRETARIAT NOTE

With reference to the last paragraph of Page 2 of document GATT/1/1 of 18 February, representatives are advised that the First Meeting will take place on Saturday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in Room 2-2 (General Committee Room).

The Agenda for the First Meeting is as follows:
1. Adoption of Provisional Rules of Procedure.
2. Election of Chairman.
3. Election of Vice-Chairman.
4. Adoption of Provisional Agenda.
5. Any other organizational matters.

It is anticipated that the First Meeting will be of an organizational nature and that the representatives of the contracting parties will consider their plan of work for the First Session. It is expected that consideration will be given to the draft Rules of Procedure submitted by the Secretariat, including Rule 7, concerning the representatives of countries signatories of the Final Act of the General Agreement, which have not yet become Contracting Parties. Therefore, the basis for the participation of those representatives in the work of the First Session of the Contracting Parties will probably be established at the end of the First Meeting on 28 February next.

Should it be found that this proposed meeting would clash with meetings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment to be held at the same time, the meeting of the Contracting Parties would be of a short and formal nature and would be reconvened the following week.