GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

FIRST SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

The following decisions were taken by the First Session, in connection with Items 4 and 11 of the Agenda:

1. The Second Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES should be held at Geneva between July 1 and August 15 next. The definitive date was left for determination by the Chairman in the light of the date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization.

2. Secretariat services for the Second Session should be made available by the staff of the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization, on conditions to be agreed between the CONTRACTING PARTIES and the Interim Commission.

3. The Agenda of the Second Session should include the following items:
   (a) Replacement of General Agreement provisions (other than Articles XIV and XXIV) by the corresponding Charter provisions, in advance of the entry into force of the Charter:
      (i) Replacement of all Part II provisions or
      (ii) Replacement of particular Part II provisions.
   (b) Other amendments to the General Agreement:
      (i) The second sentence of paragraph 3, and paragraph 6, of Article XXIX (see proposal in GATT/1/21).
      (ii) Other proposed amendments notified under paragraph 4, below, not later than 30 days prior to the Second Session.
   (c) Development of procedures for carrying out consultation between and action by the contracting parties during the period between Sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
   (d) Scheduling of future tariff negotiations.

4. All matters relating to the Second Session, including proposals for new tariff negotiations, should be communicated to the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, care of the Executive Secretary, Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization, who will inform all contracting parties and governments, whose representatives signed the Final Act at Geneva on October 30, 1947, but which are not yet contracting parties, of all communications received from any of them.