GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND INTERSESSIONAL BUSINESS

Pakistan Export Fee and Duty on Raw Jute

The complaint by India arising from the Pakistan export fee and duty on raw jute, which was noted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Seventh Session, was the subject of further discussions during the meeting of the Intersessional Committee.

The Intersessional Committee have taken note of the fact that certain suggestions made by the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES with a view to the solution of difficulties which have arisen between India and Pakistan are acceptable to the Government of India and that the Government of Pakistan have also indicated their willingness to pursue these suggestions with a view to their adoption in circumstances which could bring advantage to both countries.

The Intersessional Committee, therefore, recommend both parties to consult with each other on the basis of these suggestions with a view to reaching an amicable settlement between the two Governments. The two parties should report the result of their consultation to the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES not later than 10 March 1953. If this report indicated that the consultations have been unsuccessful or that they hold out no prospect of an early satisfactory settlement, the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES is hereby authorized to take such steps as he deems appropriate to deal with the situation.