The GATT Tariff Conference 1960-61 opened at Geneva on 1 September 1960 with an inaugural meeting, open to the public, in the Council Chamber, Palais des Nations.

The following speakers addressed the meeting (full texts will be available, in English and French, under the press release numbers, as indicated):

- Mr. W.P.H. van Corschoten, Vice-Chairman of the Contracting Parties to GATT, Director of External Relations, Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Mr. F.T. Wahlen, Vice-President of the Federal Council of Switzerland
- Mr. Jean Rey, Member of the Commission of the European Economic Community
- Mr. Clarence B. Randall, Special Assistant to the President of the United States for matters of foreign economic policy
- Sir Richard Powell, Permanent Secretary of the Board of Trade, representing the President of the Board of Trade
- Mr. J.R. Millwood, Department of Trade, Leader of the Australian Delegation
- Mr. H.B. McKinnon, Department of Finance, Leader of the Canadian Delegation
- Mr. Emanuel Treu, Minister Plenipotentiary, Austrian Permanent Representative to the International Organizations at Geneva
- Mr. K. Vellodi, Ambassador of India in Switzerland

The Tariff Negotiations Committee, which is responsible for the organization and management of the Conference, held its first meeting on 2 September and unanimously elected as its chairman the Executive Secretary, Mr. Eric Wyndham White.

A background paper on the Tariff Conference, including a description of the two phases into which the Conference is divided, the technique of negotiation etcetera, is available in press release GATT/522.

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