GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

PROVISIONAL COTTON TEXTILE COMMITTEE
OPENS FIRST MEETING AT GENEVA

The Arrangements regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles, which were drawn up at Geneva in July 1961 provide for the creation of a Cotton Textile Committee. (It is a Provisional Committee, pending confirmation by the Contracting Parties at their next session.)

The Committee began its first meeting at Geneva on 23 October 1961, and the Executive Secretary of GATT was elected chairman.

Under its terms of reference the Committee will

1. undertake work looking toward a long-term solution to the problems in the field of cotton textiles on the basis of the guiding principles set out in the Preamble to the Agreement;

2. collect all useful data for this purpose;

3. at an early date, not later than 30 April 1962, make recommendations for such long-term solution.

Note: The full text of the Arrangements was published in press release GATT/601.

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