The Sixth Session of the Contracting Parties, under the chairmanship of Mr. Johan Melander, which opened at Geneva on September 17, closed on October 27.

A survey of the Session will be issued as a press release in a few days' time.

Among the items which were dealt with during the concluding stages of the Session were the following (not listed in order of importance):

- Measures of the Belgian Government to deal with current financial questions: see press release 62 to be issued on October 29.
- Draft Convention for the Purpose of Facilitating the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material: see press release 64 to be issued on October 30.

The Contracting Parties also:

(a) took a Decision supporting the newly formed Free Trade Area between Nicaragua and El Salvador.

(b) approved, with one abstention, the Report on Restrictions imposed by contracting parties for balance-of-payments reasons. This Report will be published.

(c) agreed that the Secretariat should publish a third Progress Report.

(d) took note of the intention of Czechoslovakia to apply the highest rate of duty to United States imports: see press release 60.

(e) agreed to extend the terms of reference of the Intersessional Working Party on Tariff Levels to include the French proposals for a general scaling down of tariffs and instructed this Working Party to report to the Seventh Session.

(f) created an intersessional working party to examine the Schuman Plan as soon as the Plan has been ratified by all signatory countries.

(g) created a Committee on Agenda and Intersessional Business.

(h) selected the date of June 5, 1952, provisionally, for the opening of the Seventh Session, on the understanding that the Intersessional Committee would meet at the end of February 1952 to decide the exact date and the site for the Session.