TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE BEGINS PREPARATIONS FOR 1964 TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

On 27 June 1963 the Trade Negotiations Committee held its first meeting.

This Committee was established by the Ministers, when they met at Geneva in May 1963, as an essential element in the arrangements, which they approved, for the comprehensive trade negotiations - the GATT Kennedy Round - with the widest possible participation, to be held in 1964.

The task of the Trade Negotiations Committee is to elaborate a trade negotiating plan in the light of the principles agreed by the Ministers (press release GATT/794, page 12).

The Committee has set up subsidiary groups to work out particular aspects of the trade negotiating plan. These are (a) Sub-Committee on the Tariff Negotiating Plan, (b) Committee on Agriculture, and (c) Sub-Committee on Non-Tariff Barriers and Other Special Problems. The Trade Negotiations Committee will complete the organizational arrangements at a meeting in September, when it will set up a sub-committee specifically concerned with the participation of less-developed countries.

The Trade Negotiations Committee is composed of representatives of all the countries participating in the 1964 trade negotiations.