INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

Note by the Executive Secretary

At the end of the Sixth Session the Contracting Parties made arrangements for dealing with urgent matters which might arise between the Sixth and the Seventh Sessions. The membership and terms of reference of the intersessional bodies are set out below.

1. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND INTERSESSIONAL BUSINESS

Membership:

| Australia   | Denmark    | Netherlands |
| Brazil      | France     | Pakistan    |
| Canada      | Germany    | South Africa|
| Chile       | India      | United Kingdom|
| Cuba        | Italy      | United States|

Chairman: Mr. J. Melander

Terms of Reference:

"(a) To meet four to six weeks before the opening of the Seventh Session to consider what matters are likely to arise at that session and examine the adequacy of the documentation available, and to meet again at, or shortly before, the opening of the Seventh Session to consider the provisional agenda and make recommendations to the Contracting Parties, in the light of the documentation submitted, as to the order of business;

"(b) to meet as necessary to consider urgent matters, arising between the Sixth and Seventh Sessions and not foreseen by the Contracting Parties at the Sixth Session, which

(i) a contracting party (or parties) raising the matter requests be so dealt with, or

(ii) require, prima facie, to be dealt with in accordance with intersessional procedures,"
Note: The procedures and other considerations relevant to the working of the Committee are set forth in GATT/CP.6/41, and, on matters relating to Articles XII to XIV, in GATT/CP.6/52. The discussions relevant to the Committee are recorded in GATT/CP.6/SR.22 and 27.

2. INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY ON MATTERS ARISING UNDER ARTICLE XVIII

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Chairman: Mr. C.L. Hewitt

Terms of Reference:

"To consider any applications for new measures submitted under Article XVIII by contracting parties between sessions and to make recommendations thereon to the Contracting Parties."

Note: The working Party was first appointed at the Third Session. The procedures and considerations relevant to its work are set forth in Section H of GATT/CP.3/60/Rev.1.

3. INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY ON THE REDUCTION OF TARIFF LEVELS

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Chairman: Dr. P.R. Botha

Terms of Reference:

"(a) To consider, in the light of their compatibility with the general principles of the GATT, the proposals submitted in response to the invitation contained in the Resolution of 2 April 1951 and to formulate such recommendations as may be necessary to fit the proposals into the framework of the GATT,

"(b) to consider the problems that may arise in relation to securing adequate compensation from such other countries as may be likely to benefit from the non-discriminatory extension to them of the arrangements proposed,"
"(c) to review the continuing efficacy of the negotiating procedures, as tested in the conferences held at Geneva, Annecy and Torquay, and to recommend such adjustments or adaptations as may appear desirable and practical to improve the opportunities of countries with relatively low tariffs to negotiate for the reduction of rates by countries with relatively high tariffs, and

"(d) to examine any proposal concerning procedures likely to result in non-discriminatory reductions of tariff levels in particular the proposal submitted by the French delegation on September 19, 1951."

**Note:** The Working Party was appointed at the Special Session, on 2 April 1951, and its terms of reference were extended at the Sixth Session as recommended by the Working Party in its report (GATT/CP.6/53) which also contains matters relevant to the future proceedings of the Working Party. The discussions are recorded in GATT/CPS/SR.2-4 and GATT/CP.6/SR.27.

4. **INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY ON THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL POOL**

**Membership:**

- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- India
- Italy
- Luxemburg
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- United States

**Chairman:** to be elected.

**Terms of Reference:**

"To consider problems which may require action by the Contracting Parties arising from the Treaty instituting a European Coal and Steel Pool and to report as and when necessary to the Contracting Parties."

**Note:** The Working Party was appointed after consideration of a proposal by France (GATT/CP.6/56). The discussion is recorded in GATT/CP.6/SR.27.