GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES

INTERSESSI-NAL WORKING PARTY ON THE REDUCTION OF TARIFF LEVELS

Observations by the German Delegation concerning the Proposals by the Benelux Delegation relating to the Grouping of Commodities

General

The German Delegation supports in principle the proposal of the Benelux Delegation which provides for a fairly large number of sectors. However, the Delegation proposes the following modifications concerning the general structure of those sectors. Also, it reserves the right to submit further detailed proposals to a special expert sub-committee.

Sector No. 1

It is proposed to transfer Division 56 (fertilisers, manufactured) to Sector No. 3 and to transfer from Sector 2 to Sector 1 Division 22 (oil seeds, oil nuts, oil kernels) and items 29205, 29206 and 29207 (various horticultural products).

Sector No. 2

Subject to the comments made to Sector No. 1, the Delegation has no objections.

Sector No. 3

It is proposed to insert here Division 56 (fertilisers, manufactured).

Sectors No. 4 and 5

No objections.

Sectors No. 6 and 7

It is proposed to merge these two Sectors and to insert here Group 831 (travel goods and Morocco leather wares).

Sectors No. 8 and 9

It is proposed to merge these two sectors.
Sectors No. 10 and 11

It is proposed to merge these two sectors.

Sectors No. 12 and 13

It is proposed to merge these two sectors.

Sectors No. 14, 15 and 16

It is proposed to merge these three sectors.

Sector No. 17

No objections.

Sectors No. 18 and 19

It is proposed to merge these two sectors.

Sector No. 20

No objections.

Sector No. 21

It is proposed to split this sector into three parts (21(a), 21(b) and 21(c)):

- Sector 21(a): Machinery other than electric (Division 71)
- Sector 21(b): Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances (Division 72)
- Sector 21(c): Transport equipment (Division 73)

Sector No. 22

See Sectors No. 6 and 7 as regards travel goods and Moroccan leather wares (Group 892 has already been included under Sector 13).