The Tariff Negotiations Committee at its meeting of 11 July 1949 recommended in its report on the completion of tariff negotiations (GATT/TN.1/24/Rev.1) that the Tariff Negotiations Working Party "consider further the procedure for completing 'uncompleted negotiations', and the necessary arrangements for the accession of the Governments concerned and make a report not later than 23 July".

The Tariff Negotiations Working Party at a meeting held on 20 July drew up the following report which it presents to the Tariff Negotiations Committee.

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The Tariff Negotiations Working Party recommends that "uncompleted negotiations" should be continued after 31 July 1949 on the following conditions:

a) All negotiations which have been completed by 31 July and which were not stated in the joint notification to the Secretariat to be conditional upon the outcome of "uncompleted negotiations"*, shall be regarded as completed and shall not be subject to revision in the light of the results of such "uncompleted negotiations", unless, on or before 31 July, both parties give written notice to the Secretariat that they are so conditional.

b) It is agreed by the parties to "uncompleted negotiations" that, if by 27 August those negotiations have not been successfully concluded, they would be regarded as not having been carried out at the present tariff session.

* By "uncompleted negotiations" are meant negotiations which are not unconditionally completed by 31 July, either
(a) because the parties concerned feel that the time available to the 31 July is not sufficient, or,
(b) because they are dependent on the negotiations referred to in a) above.
c) The results of the negotiations as a whole will be made public as nearly as possibly contemporaneously with the completion of the Annecy Protocol in accordance with the procedure set out below.

If these recommendations are accepted, the following administrative procedures will be followed for completing the Annecy Protocol of Accession:

1) The lists of concessions resulting from the completion of "uncompleted negotiations" shall be checked at Annecy between the representatives of the countries concerned for authenticity.

2) The consolidated schedules, including both the concessions unconditionally completed by 31 July and those resulting from the subsequently completed negotiations, will be available at Annecy for checking by interested parties on or about 31 August. (For this reason it is essential that delegations leaving Annecy at the end of July should ensure the authenticity of the schedules unconditionally completed by that time, since these will form the basis for the compilation of the consolidated schedules to be attached to the Annecy Protocol of Accession.

3) The Protocol with the schedules attached will be opened for signature at Annecy as early as possible thereafter and if possible by 10 September.