Tariff Negotiations

Exchange of Statistics and Customs Tariffs
and
Submission of Lists of Products and Requests

During discussion at the Fourth Session of the arrangements for the Torquay tariff negotiations a number of contracting parties stated that the delays in their submission of lists of products on which concessions will be sought, which should have been submitted to the countries concerned by 15 January 1950, was due in many cases to the non-receipt of the trade statistics and customs tariffs which those countries should have sent to them in November.

Secondly, it was suggested during the discussion that arrangements for the negotiations, both by governments and by the Secretariat, would be facilitated if it could be known fairly accurately which pairs of countries intend to undertake negotiations during the Torquay meeting.

It was suggested that delegations should obtain the following information from their governments:

(a) The countries of which the customs tariffs and trade statistics are required in order that the lists of products may be completed and (in cases where decisions have been taken that the lists of products will not be exchanged) in order that the request lists which are to be exchanged in June may be prepared;

(b) The countries to which they intend to submit requests for concessions (in addition to the countries to which lists of products have already been sent and which are listed in GATT/TN.2/6); and

(c) The countries to which they have sent lists of products incorporating a request for the rebinding of the Geneva and/or Annecy Schedules.

It would be appreciated if delegations would submit this information to the Secretariat by 20 March so that where necessary arrangements can be made with the delegations concerned for the despatch of the required documents before their departure from Geneva, and so that a list of probable negotiations may be distributed before the close of the Fourth Session.