GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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TIMETABLE FOR THE ENDING OF THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

It is proposed that the Tariff Negotiations Working Party give consideration to the fixing of a closing date for the Conference and a timetable to be followed for the latter stages.

It is particularly necessary for a firm date to be fixed for the close of the Conference in view of the large number of hotels which are being used as offices. With the shortage of accommodation in the United Kingdom it is customary to make bookings well in advance and the hotels must have ample notice of when they can accept reservations.

The Tariff Negotiations Working Party may wish to consider recommending 16 March 1951 as the closing date to the Tariff Negotiations Committee for a decision by the latter on 15 January. A timetable based on this date follows:

- 28 February: All bilateral negotiations to be completed.
- 5 March: All consolidated schedules to be circulated to delegations for consideration until 10 March by which date any comments or corrections should be settled and the lists sent in their final form to the Secretariat for the production of the final document.
- 16 March: Signature ceremony.

For the technical details of the production of the schedules delegations are referred to document GATT/TN.2/26.