Summary Record of the Tenth Meeting of the Tariff Negotiations Committee
held at the Marine Spa, Torquay
on Tuesday, 3 April 1951, at 10.45 a.m.
Chairman: Mr. C. O. GISLE (Sweden)

Subjects discussed:
2. Text of the United Kingdom Torquay Schedule


M. LEQUYER (France) explained the report which referred firstly to the changes that had been made in the Torquay Protocol since it was first issued as document GATT/CP.5/46, and which were incorporated in the revised version (GATT/TN.2/44). There was also the question of the unfinished Article XXVIII negotiations. The Torquay Protocol had been originally drawn up with the idea that all such negotiations would be finished by the close of the Torquay Conference. This, however, was not the case for certain negotiations by Cuba, France, and Haiti, and the working party considered that, rather than amend the Torquay Protocol, it would be preferable to ask the Contracting Parties to authorize, by a resolution, the Contracting Parties concerned to pursue negotiations with certain specific items.

The CHAIRMAN thanked M. LEQUYER.

The changes in the Torquay Protocol were agreed to.

Dr. Enrique PEREZ CISNEROS (Cuba) referred to the list of Cuban items contained in the Annex to the draft Resolution. As a result of agreement between Cuba and the country principally concerned, negotiations on all the items listed except item 253(b) had been concluded. The Cuban list should be amended accordingly.

Mr. REISMAIT (Canada) said that he had no objections to the procedure recommended for dealing with unfinished Article XXVIII negotiations provided it were quite clear that the Cuban list be amended by the deletion of all the items except 253(b).

This was agreed and the Committee agreed to ask the Contracting Parties to adopt a resolution.

2. Text of the United Kingdom Torquay Schedule

Mr. LECKIE (United Kingdom) wished to explain the form of the United Kingdom Torquay Schedule. Delegations would be aware that the concessions negotiated in Torquay were to be expressed in two forms: that is to say, in the present language of the United Kingdom schedule and in the language that would be used if the United Kingdom Government were to adopt the Brussels nomenclature. The United Kingdom list would, therefore, be circulated in two alternative versions. A headnote would explain that the existing language of the schedule would be valid for as long as it remained in force. If the United Kingdom should bring into force a tariff based on the Brussels nomenclature the alternative form would then become valid.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the United Kingdom representative for this statement.

The meeting adjourned at 11.15