AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING OF THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE

ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1957

1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH SESSION

Under the Intersessional Procedures the Committee is required to consider at this meeting the matters likely to arise at the Session (opening on 17 October), with a view to clarifying and defining the issues involved, and to examine the adequacy of the documentation available. An Advance Agenda was issued on 31 July (L/651). In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, additional items should be notified by 5 September and the Provisional Agenda will be issued by 12 September.

2. MEETING OF TRADE MINISTERS

At the Eleventh Session the Committee was instructed to arrange for a meeting of ministers early in the Session and to establish an agenda. The Executive Secretary has suggested (GATT/AIR/118) that the meeting be held during the week commencing 28 October and has proposed several subjects for the agenda.

3. EUROPEAN CUSTOMS UNION

Under the procedures agreed upon by the Committee in April (IC/SR.30) contracting parties were invited to submit questions concerning the provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and its implementation and a consolidated list of questions was prepared by a working group and transmitted to the Interim Committee for the Common Market and Euratom (L/639). It is expected that the Interim Committee will furnish the answers to these questions in the near future.

4. RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES

At its meeting in April the Committee recommended that interested governments should submit definite proposals as a basis for discussion and that members of the Committee should endeavour to include experts on this question in their delegations (IC/SR.31, page 6). A draft agreement, submitted by the Government of Norway, will be distributed.

The Executive Secretary has proposed (GATT/AIR/118) that the meeting should commence at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 19 September.
5. FRENCH SPECIAL TEMPORARY COMPENSATION TAX ON IMPORTS

Under the Decision of 16 November 1956, the Government of France is called upon to report to the Committee by 1 September.

6. GREEK INCREASE OF BOUND DUTY

The German complaint examined at the Eleventh Session and the report of the customs experts were referred to the Committee for further consideration (L/575 and L/580). When this question was referred to the Committee the Executive Secretary suggested that ample notice of its consideration should be given so that members could include in their delegations persons competent to deal with a matter of this character (SR.11/16).

7. EXPORT OF SUBSIDIZED EGGS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Danish Government have reported that further discussions with the Government of the United Kingdom, on the complaint examined by the Committee in April (IC/SR.31, page 12), have been held and that they are satisfied with the measures to be taken by the United Kingdom to prevent exports of subsidized eggs. If the other contracting parties which joined in this complaint are also satisfied, the item can be withdrawn from the agenda and recorded as settled.

8. NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee should meet again shortly before the opening of the Twelfth Session i.e. on 16 October, to give further consideration to the Provisional Agenda with a view to recommending an order of business.