FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

To be held in Tokyo, commencing 26 October 1959

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. PROGRAMME FOR EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Reports by Committees

(Committee II will meet during the session to carry out consultations with Burma, Ceylon, Chile, Indonesia, Malaya, Pakistan and Rhodesia and Nyasaland)

3. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

(a) Reports by the Committee on consultations carried out since the fourteenth session under Article XII:4(b) and Article XIV:1(g).
(Consultations in June/July with Austria (L/1018), Denmark (L/1021), Finland (L/1020), Ghana (L/1019) and in October with Australia, Italy, Japan, Malaya, Norway, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Sweden.)

(b) Tenth Annual Report under Article XIV:1(g)
(A secretariat draft will be distributed prior to the session)

(c) Arrangements for consultations under Articles XII:4(b), XIV:1(g) and XVIII:12(b) in 1960

(d) Review of paragraph A:1 of the "Hard-Core" Decision of 5 March 1955 in accordance with the Decision of 5 November 1958

4. GERMAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Report by the Federal Republic and consultation pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Decision of 30 May 1959
5. **BELGIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS**
   Report by Belgium under the Decision of 3 December 1955

6. **UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS**
   Report by the United States under the Decision of 5 March 1955

7. **ARTICLE XVIII**
   (a) Annual review of measures applied pursuant to Sections C and D
   (b) Notification by Ceylon (to be distributed)

8. **PERUVIAN IMPORT CHARGES**
   Report by Peru and consultation pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Decision of 21 November 1958

9. **NICARAGUAN IMPORT DUTIES (L/983)**

10. **BRAZIL TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS**
    Consideration of the reports submitted pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Decision of 16 November 1956

11. **DECLARATION ON PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF SWITZERLAND**
    (Item proposed by Japan)

12. **CUBAN TARIFF REFORM**
    (Item proposed by Cuba)

13. **FINNISH TARIFF REFORM**
    (Item proposed by Finland)

14. **GREEK TARIFF REFORM**
    (Item proposed by Greece)

15. **ROME TREATY**
    (The Community has advised that its representatives will provide information)
16. RHODESIA AND NYASALAND/AUSTRALIA TRADE AGREEMENT

Report by the Federation and Australia under the Decisions of 3 December 1955, 20 November 1958 and 29 May 1959 (L/1009 and L/1038)

17. AUSTRALIAN WAIVER FOR PRODUCTS OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

Report by Australia under the Decision of 24 October 1953 (L/1032)

18. ITALIAN WAIVER FOR IMPORTS OF LIBYAN PRODUCTS

Reports by Italy and Libya under the Decision of 20 November 1958

19. FRANCO-GERMAN TRADE WITH THE SAAR

Reports by France and Germany under the Decision of 22 November 1957

20. UNITED KINGDOM WAIVER FROM ARTICLE I

Report by the United Kingdom under the Decision of 24 October 1953

21. UNITED KINGDOM WAIVER FOR DEPENDENT OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

Report by the United Kingdom under the Decision of 5 March 1955

22. THE IMPACT OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS UPON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Review under paragraph 1 of the Resolution of 17 November 1956. (The Working Party will meet early in the session and will submit a report to provide a basis for the review. The report by the CONTRACTING PARTIES' nominee as Chairman of ICCICA will be distributed early in October. A note by the Executive Secretary has been distributed - L/1036.)

23. DISPOSAL OF COMMODITY SURPLUSES

Experience under the Resolution of 4 March 1955 (A note on FAO activities has been distributed - L/1042)

24. SUBSIDIES

Action by the CONTRACTING PARTIES pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article XVI. (The validity of the Declaration of 30 November 1957, as extended by the Procès-Verbal of 22 November 1958, will expire on 31 December 1959.)

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The secretariat has been informed that this report will, in part, take the form of a supplement to the 1959 report of ICCICA (Review of International Commodity Problems, E/3269). Accordingly delegations are requested to bring copies of E/3269 with them to the session.
25. NICARAGUA-EL SALVADOR FREE-TRADE AREA
   Report by Nicaragua

26. FACILITIES FOR TEMPORARY ADMISSION OF PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND PACKING MATERIALS (L/860)

27. NATIONALITY OF IMPORTED GOODS

28. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XXXV TO JAPAN

29. RELATIONS WITH POLAND
   Report by Working Party (L/1037)

30. STATUS OF TUNISIA

   Consideration of the position of Tunisia pursuant to the Recommendation of 22 November 1957 as amended by the Decision of 25 May 1959.

31. STATUS OF GUINEA

   Report by the Executive Secretary on consultations with Guinea and France pursuant to the procedures relating to Article XXVI:5(c).

32. STATUS OF AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS

   Report by the Executive Secretary

33. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

   Report by the Executive Secretary

34. FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

   (a) Audited accounts for 1958
   (b) Financing of 1959 Budget
   (c) Budget estimates for 1960 (L/1025 and Add.1)
   (d) Staff and financial regulations

   Report by the Executive Secretary

35. NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN OF ICCICA

36. ELECTION OF INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE
37. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

38. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 1960

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING
(27-29 October)

1. Current trends in international trade (the discussions to be based upon International Trade 1957/58) and perspectives for international trade and commercial policy in the light of the restoration of external convertibility in the currencies of a number of contracting parties and of the fiscal and exchange reforms undertaken in others.

2. Progress in the implementation of the programme for trade expansion.

3. Programmes for economic integration through trade liberalization on a regional basis and harmonization of these programmes with the worldwide objectives of the GATT.

4. Consideration of the principal items on the agenda for the session.