EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

To be held in Geneva, beginning 15 May 1961

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The recommendation of the Council of Representatives that the eighteenth session should be held from 15 to 19 May (instead of 1 to 20 May as previously arranged) has been approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES by postal ballot (GATT/AIR/230). By the same airgram contracting parties were asked to propose items for the agenda. The items proposed are listed below together with a number of routine matters and several items which will require attention at this session in accordance with earlier decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES or the Council.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. PROGRAMME FOR EXPANSION OF TRADE

(a) Tariff Negotiations
   (Item requested by Nigeria, Pakistan and Sweden)

(b) Committee II
   (Item requested by Pakistan)

(c) Committee III
   (Item requested by Pakistan)

3. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

   Reports of Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions:
   (a) Consultation with Ceylon under Article XVIII:12(a), (L/1427).
   (b) Consultations with Austria, Burma, Chile, Indonesia, Turkey and South Africa under Article XII:4(b) or XVIII:12(b).
4. ITALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
   Report of Working Party

5. FRENCH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
   Report on consultation under Article XXII

6. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY¹
   (a) Examination of EEC common tariff under Article XXIV:5(a)
      (Item requested by Sweden)

   (b) Treaty of Rome and the Associated Overseas Territories
      (Item requested by Nigeria)

7. ARTICLE XXXV REVIEW
   Appointment of Working Party

8. IMPACT OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS UPON INTERNATIONAL TRADE
   Report by Mr. L.K. Jha, the CONTRACTING PARTIES' nominee as Chairman
   of ICCICA.

9. ARTICLE XVIII
   Report by Council on:
   (a) Request by Ceylon for extension of the Decisions of 30 November
       1955 and 18 November 1960 (ceramic ware).

   (b) Third annual review under paragraph 6.

10. PARIS ECONOMIC MEETINGS
    (Item requested by Pakistan)

11. COMMERCIAL POLICY PROBLEMS OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES

12. REPORTS UNDER WAIVERS
    (a) Australia/Papua-New Guinea
       Seventh annual report under the Decision of 24 October 1953.

¹The Executive Secretary has been informed by the Member States that it is not their intention to submit a report under paragraph 7 of Article XXIV to this session.
(b) South Africa/Rhodesia and Nyasaland
First annual report under the Decision of 4 June 1960 (L/1422).

13. ITALIAN MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF SHIPS' PLATES
   (Item requested by Austria)

14. STATUS OF PROTOCOLS
   Expiry of closing date for signature of the amendment protocols (99/17).

15. MINISTERIAL MEETING
   Timing, agenda, etc. - recommendations by Council
   (The recommendation of the Council concerning a meeting at Ministerial level at or about the time of the nineteenth session (C/M/5) has been approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.)

16. BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS
   Reports by the Executive Secretary:
   (a) United Nations Resolution concerning the Joint Staff Pension Fund;
   (b) Final position under the GATT 1960 budget.

17. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS, MAY - OCTOBER 1961

OTHER BUSINESS