GENERAL AGREEMENT ON 
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES
Nineteenth Session
13 November-8 December 1961

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING OF MINISTERS

   Recommendations by Council (L/1576)

3. PROGRAMME FOR EXPANSION OF TRADE

   Reports by Committees (L/1461 and Corr.1; L/1554; L/1557)

4. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

   (a) Reports by Committee on consultations with Austria, Burma, Denmark, Finland, Japan, New Zealand and Norway under Articles XII:4(a), XII:4(b) and XVIII:12(b).

   (b) Arrangements for consultations in 1962

5. RESIDUAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

   (a) Report by Council on implementation of the procedures (98/19) - (L/1563; L/1566; C/M/8).

   (b) Review of the "hard-core" waiver (3S/38, 9S/35).

6. ITALIAN RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM ISRAEL

   (Item requested by Israel - L/1575)

Notes on the agenda items will be prepared and distributed to contracting parties at the end of October.
7. **BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS, DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT AND VARIABLE DUTIES**

Compatibility with the General Agreement of:

(a) bilateral trade agreements which specify, in terms of value or volume, products to be imported during certain periods;

(b) lists of supplying countries, different treatment being accorded to different contracting parties;

(c) the application of variable import duties.

(Item requested by Uruguay)

8. **IMPACT OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS UPON INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Annual Review, under the Resolution of 17 November 1956 (S/8/26).
(The Commodities Working Party will meet early in the session. A secretariat paper will be distributed. See also C/M/8, L/1318 and L/1567.)

9. **DISPOSAL OF COMMODITY SURPLUSES** (L/1550 and Add.l; C/M/8)

10. **TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES**

Confirmation of establishment of Cotton Textiles Committee (L/1550)

11. **LONGER-TERM SOLUTIONS TO BUTTER MARKETING PROBLEMS**

The New Zealand and Netherlands Governments propose that the CONTRACTING PARTIES should consider the adoption or adaptation of the OEEC recommendations (L/1453, Annex A) on butter marketing and should also consider the means of reviewing implementation by contracting parties of such recommendations as may be adopted or formulated.

12. **EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

(a) Information to be furnished by the Community

(b) Association of Overseas Territories (SR.13/6 and C/M/8)

(e) Examination of the Common Tariff under Article XXIV:5(a)
   (L/1479; SR.16/4; C/M/8)
13. EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION
(a) Information to be furnished by the Member States
(b) The Working Party appointed to examine the Agreement of Association between the Member States and Finland has submitted a report (L/1521)

14. CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AREA
Report by Working Party on requests by Nicaragua (L/1425 and Add.1 & 2) and on report (L/1564) under Decision of 13 November 1956 (5S/29).

15. NICARAGUA-EL SALVADOR FREE TRADE AREA

16. SUBSIDIES
(a) Status of Declaration Giving Effect to the Provisions of paragraph 4 of Article XVI (9S/32).
(b) Status of Declaration on the Standstill Provisions of paragraph 4 of Article XVI and Review under paragraph 3 of the Declaration (9S/33).
(c) Review of the operation of Article XVI under paragraph 5. (Panel report - L/1442. Some supplementary data is being compiled by the secretariat.)

17. ARTICLE XVIII
Annual Review under paragraph 6. (Documents will be distributed by the secretariat subject to receipt of data from the contracting parties acting under Article XVIII:C).

18. ITALIAN SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT FOR LIBYAN PRODUCTS
Recommendation by Council on extension of waiver (7S/34) - a draft decision is being prepared by the secretariat. (See C/M/C.)

19. CHILEAN IMPORT CHARGES
Request by Chile (L/1581) for further extension of the Decision of 27 May 1959 (8S/29 & 9S/38)
20. REPORTS UNDER WAIVERS

(a) Belgian import restrictions (45/22)

(b) *Ceylon - temporary duty increases (L/1487) - (L/1551)

(c) *France/Germany - Saar (65/30) - (L/1534 & L/1552)

(d) German import restrictions (85/31)

(e) Indonesia - renegotiation of Schedule (L/1487 & L/1528) - (L/1555)

(f) Nicaraguan import duties (35/52) - (L/1565; report by working party)

(g) Peruvian import charges (75/37, 35/56 & 95/45)

(h) *Rhodesia and Nyasaland/United Kingdom territories (95/47) - (L/1542)

(i) *United Kingdom/Article I (25/20 and 35/25) - (L/1543)

(j) *United Kingdom/Dependent Overseas Territories (35/21) - (L/1544)

(k) United States import restrictions (35/32) - (L/1549)

(l) *Uruguay - import surcharges (L/1487) - (L/1569)

21. RECOUSE TO ARTICLE XXIII BY URUGUAY

(Request by Uruguay for the consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES under paragraph 2 of Article XXIII of nullification and impairment of benefits accruing to Uruguay under the General Agreement consequent upon measures maintained by certain other contracting parties.)

22. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XXXV TO JAPAN

Report by Working Party (L/1545)

23. ACCESSION

Within the framework of the Tariff Conference the CONTRACTING PARTIES made provision for negotiations for accession with the following countries:

(a) Cambodia (75/17) 
(b) Ireland (55.17/10) 
(c) Israel (85/9-10) 
(d) Portugal (95/14) 
(e) Spain (95/15) 
(f) Tunisia (35/14-15)

*The Reports have been examined by Council. The Council's recommendations will be submitted to the session (see C/111/3).
24. PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF SWITZERLAND

The Group conducting the Consultation with the Swiss Government under the Declaration of 22 November 1958 (7S/18-19) will meet again early in the session and will submit a report.

25. RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA

Second Review under Declaration of 25 May 1959 (8S/18) - (L/1494 & L/1574; further documentation will be made available).

26. NEWLY-INDEPENDENT STATES

Review of status of various territories under the Recommendation of 18 November 1960 (9S/16).

27. STATUS OF PROTOCOLS (L/1561)

28. JAPANESE SCHEDULE

Request under Article XXVIII:4.

29. RELATIONS WITH ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Report by the Executive Secretary.

30. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

Report by Budget Working Party (L/1562) and recommendations by Council (C/M/8).

31. ANNUAL REPORT ON TRADE RESTRICTIONS

(Item requested by Uruguay, suggesting that the secretariat should prepare yearly a detailed report on all forms of trade restrictions and discriminations, equivalent to the report published yearly by the International Monetary Fund on exchange restrictions and controls.)

32. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Report by the Executive Secretary.

33. CHAIRMANSHIP OF ICCICA

34. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

35. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 1962

OTHER BUSINESS