The following is an advance list of the items to be included in the Provisional Agenda for the Tenth Session. This list has been prepared on the basis of records and information available to the secretariat.

This advance agenda, together with any additional items proposed by Contracting Parties, will be reviewed by the Intersessional Committee which will meet on 22 September to consider what matters are likely to arise at the Tenth Session and to examine the adequacy of the documentation available. It is hoped that governments wishing to propose additional items will submit their proposals and supporting documents by 20 September, although under rule 2 of the rules of procedure they may propose additional items up to one month from the opening of the session.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

Under rule 10 of the rules of procedure the terms of office of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen will expire at the opening of the Session.

PLANS FOR TARIFF REDUCTION

The Working Party on Tariff Reduction, which was appointed on 4 March 1955 (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Third Supplement, page 14), met in July and an interim report has been distributed (L/373). The Working Party will meet again not later than 15 September and its final report will be submitted to the Session.

COMMODITY PROBLEMS

The Working Party on Commodity Problems appointed on 22 December 1954 will hold a meeting in Geneva commencing 1 September (L/320 and SR.9/34). The Working Party's report will be submitted to the Session.

Further references to the Basic Instruments and Selected Documents will be abbreviated; e.g. the third Supplement will be referred to as "3rd S".
RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES

This question was considered at the Ninth Session by Review Working Party IV which recommended that further consideration be postponed (3rd S., page 239). A note on the present position will be distributed by the Executive Secretary.

GATT-FUND RELATIONS

It was agreed at the Ninth Session (3rd S. page 195) that the discussion of relations with the International Monetary Fund would be resumed at the Tenth Session. A note by the Executive Secretary will be distributed.

BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

(a) Consultation with Australia under Article XII:4(b)

The consultation was conducted by a Working Party appointed by the Intersessional Committee and the Working Party's report has been distributed (L/370).

(b) Consultations under Article XIV:1(g)

Australia, Ceylon, New Zealand, Rhodesia and Nyasaland and the United Kingdom have initiated consultations (L/370).

(c) Sixth Annual Report under Article XIV:1(g)

(d) Procedures for consultations and report under Article XIV:1(g) in 1956.

REPORTS AND CONSULTATIONS UNDER WAIVERS

(a) European Coal and Steel Community (1st S., page 17)

Third Annual Report by the Member States and Note by the Executive Secretary.

(b) Australia/Papua-New Guinea (2nd S., page 18)

Second Annual Report by Australia.

(c) Czechoslovakia/Article XV:6 (3rd S., page 43)

Report and Consultation.

(d) Italy/Libya (1st S., page 14 and 3rd S., page 21)

Third Annual Reports by Italy and Libya and review of the situation under the Decision of 9 October 1952.
(e) New Zealand/Article XV:6 (3rd S. page 42)
  Report and Consultation.

(f) United Kingdom/Article I (2nd S. page 20 and 3rd S. page 25)
  Second Annual Report by the United Kingdom.

(g) United Kingdom/Dependent Overseas Territories (3rd S. page 21)
  First Annual Report by the United Kingdom.

(h) United States Agricultural Adjustment Act (3rd S. page 32)
  First Annual Report by the United States.

CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION

(a) Consular formalities

By the report adopted on 7 November 1952, contracting parties were requested to report annually not later than 1 September on steps taken towards the abolition of consular formalities (1st S. pages 25 and 102 and 3rd S. page 91).

(b) Nationality of imported goods

At their Ninth Session the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to continue their study of a draft definition of origin and to include this item on the Agenda for the Tenth Session (3rd S. page 94 and SR.9/40). The Executive Secretary will discuss this question with countries interested with a view to the submission of proposals in advance of the Session.

(c) Samples Convention

A report on the acceptances of the International Convention for the Importation of Samples and Advertising Material will be submitted by the Executive Secretary.

COMPLAINTS

(a) Brazilian internal taxes (SR.9/27)

Report by Brazil.

(b) French Special Temporary Compensation Tax on imports

A report by the French Government (I/366) under the Decision of 17 January 1955 (SR.9/29 and 3rd S. page 26) was received by the Intersessional Committee at its meeting on 25 June. The French Government has been asked by the Committee to submit a further report by 1 September.
(a) German discrimination in coal imports (L/242 and SR.9/40)

Report by the United States on consultations with Germany.

(d) Swedish anti-dumping duties (SR.9/37 and 3rd S. page 81)

Report by Sweden and Italy.

(e) United States dairy products (L/268, SR.9/6 and 7, and 3rd S. page 46)

Report by the United States under the Resolution of 5 November 1954.

(f) United States export subsidy on oranges (L/265 and SR.9/6 and 40)

Report by Italy on consultations with the United States.

ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XXIV

(a) South Africa/Southern Rhodesia Customs Union (Vol.II page 29 and 3rd S. page 47)

The Customs Union (Interim) Agreement was terminated on 1 July 1955 (L/345). Under the Decision of 17 November 1954 the CONTRACTING PARTIES are to review the situation in the light of proposals to be submitted by the two Governments.

(b) Nicaragua/El Salvador free-trade area (Vol.II page 30 and SR.9/6)


REQUESTS FROM BELGIUM AND LUXEMBURG FOR WAIVERS FROM ARTICLE XI

The requests submitted by Belgium and Luxemburg were considered by the Interessional Committee and a report has been distributed (L/372). The two Governments have been asked to submit further information by 1 September.

REQUEST BY AUSTRALIA FOR WAIVER ON PRODUCTS OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

The Government of Australia has submitted a request for a waiver under Article XXV:5(a) to permit preferential treatment on certain items bound in Schedule I (L/375).

VOTES REQUIRED FOR GRANTING WAIVERS

At the Ninth Session the Cuban delegation enquired whether a waiver from the obligations of an article which requires unanimity for its amendment can be granted by two-thirds of the contracting parties. It was agreed that this question should appear on the agenda of the Tenth Session (SR.9/47). A note by the Executive Secretary will be distributed.
PANELS FOR CONDUCT OF CONSULTATIONS

During the review of the Agreement at the Ninth Session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES discussed a proposal for the appointment of qualified panels to conduct consultations under the balance-of-payments provisions, to consider complaints lodged under Article XXIII and to deal with other commercial policy matters which are the subject of regular reports (3rd S. page 247). In another context, the attention of the CONTRACTING PARTIES was called to the question of making improved arrangements for the competent and speedy conduct of balance-of-payments consultations in order to make them more effective (3rd S. page 179). In both cases, the Executive Secretary was invited to consider the problem further, and if possible to put forward concrete proposals for consideration at the Tenth Session. A note by the Executive Secretary will be distributed.

STATUS OF AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS

(a) Definitive application of the Agreement

Entry into force of the Resolution of 7 March 1955 (3rd S. page 48). The Resolution has been approved by all contracting parties except Burma.

(b) Protocols of amendment (including rectification of texts)

(c) The Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation

(d) Second, Third and Fourth Protocols of Modifications and Rectifications

(e) Declaration of 10 March 1955 on the Continued Application of Schedules (3rd S. page 30)

ACCESSION OF JAPAN

The CONTRACTING PARTIES will wish to take note of the result of Japan's application to accede under Article XXXIII and of the status of the Protocol of Accession.

REGISTRATION OF INSTRUMENTS (L/367)

SCHEDULE OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

The delegation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland indicated at the Ninth Session that a schedule for the Federation to replace Schedule XVI of Southern Rhodesia would be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES about the middle of 1955 (L/293 and SR.92 and 22). The modification of the bound rates on five items in Schedule XVI is reported in L/376.
MODIFICATION AND RECTIFICATION OF SCHEDULES

A fifth protocol of modifications and rectifications will be prepared in advance of the Session. Contracting parties are asked to submit requests for rectifications by 30 September.

DISCRIMINATION IN TRANSPORT INSURANCE

At their meeting on 7 January 1955 the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to include this item on the agenda for the Tenth Session and governments were asked to examine the effects of such discrimination on their trade (I/303 and SR.9/28).

CHAIRMANSHIP OF ICCICA

Nomination for the chairmanship of ICCICA in view of the termination of the period of office of Mr. E. Cohen who was nominated for two years from 23 October 1953 (I/153 and SR.6/19).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET OF THE AGREEMENT

(a) Financial statement for 1955

(b) Budget estimates for 1956

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERSESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION

DATE AND PLACE OF THE 11TH SESSION