GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES
Thirteenth Session

RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES
Proposed by the Norwegian Delegation

General Notes
Addendum

In an Annex to document L/893, the Norwegian delegation has submitted a proposal for the appointment of a working party on restrictive business practices. To meet the views of those delegations which might be of the opinion that it would be more advisable to appoint an expert group where the members may deal with the problems in their personal capacity as experts without in any way committing their governments, the Norwegian delegation has revised its proposal.

ANNEX

REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION
Submitted by the Norwegian Delegation

RECOGNIZING that the activities of international cartels and trusts may hamper the expansion of world trade and the economic development in individual countries and thereby frustrate the benefits of tariff reductions and of removal of quantitative restrictions or otherwise interfere with the objectives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

RECOGNIZING further that international co-operation is needed to deal effectively with harmful restrictive business practices in international trade,
Referring to the discussions on this matter at the Twelfth and Thirteenth Sessions and to the documentation submitted

The Contracting Parties

Decide:

(i) to appoint a group of experts to study and make recommendations with regard to whether, and in case to what extent and how, the Contracting Parties should undertake to deal with restrictive business practices in international trade;

(ii) to request the expert group to submit its report by the end of 1959;

(iii) to deal with the matter at a session of the Contracting Parties in 1960.