Dear Sir,

In airgram GATT/AIR/65 the Executive Secretary has indicated that he believes some informal discussion of future tariff negotiations is desirable during the meeting of the Intersessional Committee. One of the purposes of such a discussion would be to attempt in a preliminary way to determine whether some scheme can be evolved for retaining as much as possible of the benefits of the Plan for Tariff Reduction worked out at the Eighth Session and yet meet the practical difficulties that a number of contracting parties have found with a fully automatic plan.

The attached draft is a product of the secretariat but is not a secretariat proposal. I am sending a copy of this draft to each member of the Working Party on Plans for Tariff Reduction in the hope that it will help stimulate some thought on this problem and will contribute toward a more fruitful discussion either at the first meeting of the Working Party or during any informal discussion that may take place during the meeting of the Intersessional Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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