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Amendments to paragraphs 8, 10, 11

"8. Many problems were brought to light in considering whether the offers would lead to a reduction in the general level of tariffs. While the limitation to 15 per cent in the authority of one country was frequently cited in this context, it was also noted that many reductions offered by some countries amounted to less than this percentage. Some representatives expressed the hope that this limitation would in no way impede other delegations from making offers of reduction of more than 15 per cent of high duties on some commodities, e.g. concessions by European countries on typically European commodities. It was also apparent that many other factors had contributed to limiting the scope of the negotiations, including the small number of negotiations being conducted by many participants. The latter had varied reasons for the limited scope of their negotiations, including for some delegations the difficulties raised by the existence of quantitative restrictions and exchange control measures."

New paragraph to follow paragraph 8 (redraft of paragraph 20)

"Several delegates were of the opinion that the possibilities of extending the scope of the Conference by taking into account the opportunities offered by multilateral negotiations should be explored to the greatest possible extent. This question was discussed in more detail in connexion with the review of one of the offers lists, in which some concessions were made contingent upon successful multilateral negotiations. The representative concerned explained that for certain manufactured goods it would be impossible for his delegation to reduce its rates if some parallel action were not taken by other industrial countries with which its producers must compete. It was agreed that the possibilities of accomplishment along multilateral lines should be explored by delegations and that specific proposals should be brought before the Working Party or the Tariff Negotiations Committee as soon as possible, taking into the account the necessity of adhering closely to the proposed time-table for the conference."

Paragraph 10 - (proposal of the Dominican Republic)

Add at the end of the paragraph:

"It was pointed out by underdeveloped countries depending on the exports of agricultural commodities, which are subject to quantitative restrictions, that their possibility of obtaining equivalent concessions of real economic value was seriously reduced and the hope was expressed that during the bilateral negotiations the special factors of those underdeveloped countries would be taken into account."

MT/36/Corr.1
Remplacer la première phrase par:

"Une délégation a fait savoir qu'elle n'était pas en mesure de presenter d'offres pour un certain nombre de produits faisant déjà l'objet d'un accord bilateral."

Replace the first sentence by:

"A delegation indicated that it was not in a position to make offers on a certain number of products which are already the subject of a bilateral agreement."