Sir,

I wish to bring to your attention the programme of meetings envisaged for the period preceding the Thirteenth Session which is to open on 16 October 1958 and also the principal matters which require action by governments in preparation for the Session.

I. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Working Party on the Association of Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Economic Community

The Working Party appointed by the Intersessional Committee will meet in Geneva from 5 to 20 February and again from 26 February to 8 March. The programme of work has been outlined in document IC/WP.1/4.

Intersessional Committee

The Intersessional Committee, which this year comprises all contracting parties, will meet on 14 April for about two weeks. The following will be the principal items on the Committee's agenda:

- The Rome Treaties;
- German Import Restrictions; and
- The European Coal and Steel Community (consideration of the report by the Member States).

The Intersessional Committee will meet again on 22 September to review the items on the agenda for the Thirteenth Session and to consider the adequacy of the documentation available, including in particular:

- Restrictive Business Practices;
- The Review of the Operation of the Provisions of Article XVI; and
II. TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

It is expected that tariff negotiations among contracting parties will take place during 1958 under the following heads:

Article XXVIII

Some of the renegotiations of concessions in the existing schedules notified to the CONTRACTING PARTIES by 31 December 1957, if unfinished by the end of 1957, may continue up to 31 March 1958, either in Geneva or, by bilateral arrangement, elsewhere.

Brazil

The Tariff Negotiations Committee for the negotiations with Brazil decided on 17 December 1957 that the negotiations will begin in Geneva on 3 February 1958 (TNB/13).

Switzerland

The negotiations with a view to the accession of Switzerland will be held in Geneva, commencing on 20 May (TNS/2).

Cuba and New Zealand

The renegotiation of items in the Cuba and New Zealand Schedules will be held at times and places to be arranged pursuant to the Decisions of 30 and 29 November, respectively.

III. ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS

Review of Quantitative Restrictions maintained for Balance-of-Payments Reasons

The quantitative import restrictions maintained under Articles XII and XVIII:B are to be reviewed in 1958. In preparation for this review, contracting parties will be asked, in a document to be issued in March, to submit up-to-date information on the restrictions which they maintain for balance-of-payments reasons.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties

At the Twelfth Session the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to invite governments to indicate to the secretariat by 30 April 1958 their views and suggestions for further studies on this problem. A document inviting views and suggestions will be issued in January.
Notifications under Article XVII

In accordance with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 22 November 1957 contracting parties are required to submit notifications on State trading enterprises pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of Article XVII. A request for the submission of notifications has been issued in L/784.

Status of Protocols

A statement on the Protocols and other instruments which have not yet been accepted by all contracting parties, with a list of the governments which have not signed or accepted them is attached hereto.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White
Executive Secretary
LIST OF PROTOCOLS AND CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH HAVE NOT SIGNED THEM OR ARE REQUIRED TO CONFIRM DEFINITIVELY THEIR SIGNATURES

Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX

Belgium
Brazil
Chile
Dominican Republic
Italy
Luxemburg
Kingdom of the Netherlands
Peru
Uruguay

Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III

Belgium
Brazil
Chile
Dominican Republic
Italy
Luxemburg
Kingdom of the Netherlands
Peru
Uruguay

Protocol of Organizational Amendments

Belgium
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Cuba
Czechoslovakia
Dominican Republic
Indonesia
Italy
Luxemburg
Kingdom of the Netherlands
Peru
Uruguay

Procès-Verbal of Signature Concerning the Protocol of Organizational Amendments

Belgium
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Cuba
Czechoslovakia
Dominican Republic
Indonesia
Italy
Kingdom of the Netherlands
Peru
Uruguay

Procès-Verbal of Rectification Concerning the Protocols Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX, the Preamble and Parts II and III and of Organizational Amendments

Belgium
Brazil
Chile
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Indonesia
Italy
Peru
Uruguay
Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation

Australia        Indonesia
Belgium          Italy
Brazil           Luxemburg
Canada           Kingdom of the Netherlands
Chile            New Zealand
Cuba             Peru
Czechoslovakia   Union of South Africa
Dominican Republic United States of America
France           Uruguay

Protocol of Rectification to the French Text

Belgium          Luxemburg
Brazil           Peru
Chile            Uruguay

Second Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications

Chile

Third Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications

Chile

Fourth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications

Austria
Chile

Fifth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications

Brazil           Dominican Republic
Chile            Federation of Malaya
Cuba             Uruguay

Sixth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications

Brazil           Ghana
Burma            Haiti
Chile            Italy
Cuba             Japan
Denmark          Federation of Malaya
Dominican Republic Nicaragua
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