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Third Session of the Contracting Parties

First Meeting of Tariff Negotiations Committee

The Tariff Negotiations Committee on which all participating countries are represented held its first meeting this afternoon and elected Walter Muller, Chile, and S.A. Hasnè, Pakistan, as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

The Committee approved the preliminary list of initial meetings between pairs of countries and agreed to publish this list, with subsequent additions, after the next meeting of the Committee, probably early next week.

The Committee discussed a request by the Director General of UNESCO concerning barriers to the import and export of educational, scientific and cultural materials. The delegate of Belgium, M. G. Cassiers, gave notice that he would raise the question of a draft agreement concerning the import of books, newspapers and periodicals before the Contracting Parties under Other Business.

The Committee decided to place on their agenda the matters arising from the communication of the Director General of UNESCO.