GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Third Session of the Contracting Parties

South African Import Restrictions Problems sent to working party

The Contracting Parties at their fifth meeting this afternoon set up a working party to examine in the light of the relevant GATT article - XII (4)(a) - the import restrictions imposed by the Union of South Africa and to make practical recommendations for the efficient working of consultation procedure provided for in GATT Article XII (4)(a).

The members of the working party, which will elect their own Chairman are: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States and one of the Benelux countries.

In place of Dr. A.B. Speekenbrink, Netherlands, who had left the service of his government, the Contracting Parties elected Mr. Hendrik van Blankenstein, Netherlands, as Vice Chairman.

The Contracting Parties began consideration of the agenda item dealing with questions arising from the status of the GATT protocols. See release 886, page 3.