The Tariff Negotiations Committee, under its Chairman, Walter Muller, Chile, today received its first report on the progress of the tariff negotiations.

Up to and including 26 April, 28 pairs of countries had met and exchanged offers. In 7 of these negotiations more than one meeting had been held. In addition dates have been fixed for the opening of negotiations by 51 pairs of countries by 15 June.

13 pairs of countries are holding exploratory talks to ascertain whether their trade provides a basis for negotiations. Exploratory talks between an additional 26 pairs of countries have been arranged to take place by 19 May.