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Torquay Tariff Negotiations

PROGRESS OF TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS REVIEWED

At its meeting yesterday the Tariff Negotiations Committee heard a report on the progress of the negotiations. The Chairman of the Working Party, Dr. H. van Blankenstein, indicated that 73 negotiations had begun so far and the starting dates for 36 others had been fixed, while a considerable number of prospective negotiations remained to be scheduled. Reviewing the general situation the Chairman, Mr. L. Dana Wilgress, said that it was now becoming evident that the scope and complexity of the Torquay Conference were probably greater than had been expected. In the circumstances he proposed and the Committee agreed to set certain objectives for the acceleration of the negotiations.