SEVENTY FOUR PAIRS OF NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

The Tariff Negotiations Committee today received the first report of the Tariff Negotiations Working Party. The Report showed that 74 pairs of delegations are already scheduled to open their negotiations during October, with 4 starting today. The chairman of the Working Party, Mr. H. van Blankenstein, Netherlands, indicated that by the end of this week he hoped to produce a further list of negotiations starting in October.

The Committee decided that the Conference should recess at the close of business on 22 December, 1950 and reconvene on 3 January, 1951. The Chairman made it clear, however, that delegations wishing to continue their negotiations at Torquay during the Christmas recess should, before an agreed date, make known their needs for accommodation and secretariat services. The Chairman stressed that advantage should be taken of the Christmas recess for consultation between delegations and their governments.

The Committee heard statements from several representatives on the problems facing the countries which have comparatively low tariffs, in relation to the Torquay negotiations, and also from less-developed countries.

Those statements will be summarized in a later release.