The Tariff Negotiations Committee this morning heard from the Chairman of the Tariff Negotiations Working Party that the number of pairs of negotiations scheduled to open in October had been increased from 74 to 91. He also reported that owing to recent events in Korea, the Korean representative had stated that their participation in the negotiations would be delayed, probably until November. The Committee agreed to send invitations to the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Venezuela to be represented by observers at the meetings of the Committee.

The Committee completed its hearing of statements on the several problems of the tariff negotiations, relating in particular to the position of countries which have comparatively low general rates of tariff duties and to the position of countries which are relatively under-developed.

The Chairman, Mr. L. Dana Wilgress, pointed out in conclusion that the rules for the negotiations were clearly laid down in Article 17 of the Havana Charter and that it was necessary for delegations to bear in mind the whole of that Article.