ACCESSION OF JAPAN

The Japanese request for an opportunity to enter into tariff negotiations with contracting parties with a view to accession to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII

Note on the conclusion of the discussion (Text approved)
for incorporation in the Summary Record

The Committee noted that a number of delegations had supported the request, and that some of these had stated that their governments were prepared to enter into negotiations. Other delegations had made reservations as to the desirability of arranging for negotiations or as to the proposed timing of the negotiations.

The majority of delegations, however, had supported the Japanese request, and the Committee, therefore, decided to recommend, for the consideration of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Ninth Session, that arrangements be made for negotiations to be held in Geneva commencing 1 February 1955 in accordance, generally, with the procedures adopted for the Annecy and Torquay negotiations in connection with accession to the Agreement.

It was agreed that contracting parties which would wish to participate in such negotiations, if the CONTRACTING PARTIES should adopt the Committee's recommendations, should make every effort to so notify the Executive Secretary not later than 15 September 1954. Arrangements for the exchange of lists and trade data could then be made between each such country and Japan, except that lists of requests for concessions should be exchanged not later than 31 October.