OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REVIEW
OF CONSOLIDATED OFFERS LISTS

Proposal by the Chairman

I. OBJECTIVE

The object of the review shall be to examine each consolidated offers list in order to ascertain:

(a) Whether it is such as to bring about a reduction of high tariff rates which "discourage the importation of even minimum quantities";

(b) To what extent it contributes to a "substantial reduction of the general level of tariffs"; and

(c) How it stands with regard to the operation of the rule relating to the binding of low rates, and in particular, the extent to which the offers take account of the position of countries with low or moderate tariff rates who find their exports or potential exports generally impeded by high rates of duty in other countries.

II. PROCEDURES

The review shall proceed on the following lines:

1. A preliminary examination by the Tariff Negotiations Working Party of each list in order to obtain the factual information pertinent to the points in I above.

2. An examination by the Tariff Negotiations Committee of the facts reported by the Tariff Negotiations Working Party with respect to each list.

3. A general review by the Tariff Negotiations Committee of the offers of participating governments taken together in order to determine the extent to which the objectives of the Conference are being achieved.