Arrangements for the Conclusion of the Tariff Conference

Delegations may find it convenient to have a summary of the arrangements, which were decided in the Tariff Negotiations Committee, for the conclusion of the Tariff Conference.

1. The Sixth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions will be opened for signature at a meeting of the Tariff Negotiations Committee to be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 May, in the Salle du Conseil, Palais des Nations. This meeting will be open to the press. Texts of any remarks which delegates may wish to make should be sent to the secretariat Information Office in advance.

2. A communiqué to mark the end of the Conference will be issued on 23 May. It will be in general terms, relating the fourth round of negotiations to previous tariff conferences. The total number of bilateral agreements reached and a global figure of the trade coverage of the negotiations will be included. A draft of this communiqué will be circulated in advance to delegations.

3. Details of the negotiations will be made public on 7 June when governments and the secretariat will release the Schedules. In order to achieve simultaneous timing the Schedules will be released at 4 p.m. Geneva and London time, which is the equivalent of 10 a.m. Washington time.

4. The secretariat will issue a press release on 7 June, dealing with the publication of the Schedules. It will include a list of bilateral negotiations completed.