CONTRACTING PARTIES
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Committee on Treaty of Rome

Sub-Group A on Tariff Questions

The following list summarizes the main points raised during the discussion in the Committee of the Whole.

A. Common Tariff

1. Consistency of the Common Tariff with paragraph 8(a)(ii) that "Substantially the same duties ..., are applied by each of the Member States of the Union to the trade of territories not included in the Union".

2. Consistency with the provisions of paragraph 5(a) that the duties "Shall not, on the whole, be higher...."
   (a) Is the comparison of the existing and the future situation to be made item by item or on the whole tariff?
   (b) What is meant by "general incidence"?
   (c) What is the meaning of the term "duties applicable"? (Actual or legal rates)

3. Arrangements for a practical examination of the proposed Common Tariff.

B. Arrangements for the application of paragraph 6 of Article XXIV. (Modification of bound items as a result of the introduction of the Common Tariff.)

C. Arrangements for other negotiations on the basis of the Common Tariff.

D. Elimination of the import and export duties among the Members (consistency with the obligation under paragraph 8(a)(i).

E. Plan and schedule for the complete formation of the Customs Union (paragraphs 5(c) and 7(b)).

F. Other questions.

Note. As indicated by the Chairman, the tariff problems relating to the overseas territories may have to be discussed in Sub-Group A.

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