NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII IN 1957

Draft Decision for Consideration by the Intersessional Committee

In the event that the Committee decides to submit to contracting parties a draft decision on the lines proposed by the Executive Secretary in L/623, the following draft may serve as a basis for discussion:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

DESIRING to make arrangements similar to those provided in the revised text of Article XXVIII, contained in the Protocol amending the Preamble and Parts II and III of the General Agreement, whereby contracting parties wishing to modify or withdraw particular concessions in their Schedules on 1 January 1958 may enter into negotiations before the end of 1957 for that purpose,

RECOMMEND:

1. that a contracting party wishing to enter into negotiations under the provisions and procedures of Article XXVIII in order to modify or cease to apply on 1 January 1958 the treatment which it has agreed to apply under Article II to any product described in the appropriate schedule annexed to the General Agreement should, not later than 15 July 1957, notify the Executive Secretary and the contracting party or parties with which the concession was initially negotiated;

2. that a contracting party which considers it has a substantial interest in any concession so notified should advise the Executive Secretary and the contracting party wishing to modify or withdraw the concession, as soon as possible and in any case not later than 1 September 1957;

DECIDE to invite all contracting parties involved to assemble in Geneva, or other convenient place, on 1 October 1957 (or earlier if the Executive Secretary finds that the scope of the negotiations warrants the choice of a date in September), on the understanding that those contracting parties which are in a position to do so will be free to start their negotiations on a bilateral basis in advance of the multilateral stage of the negotiations; and

INSTRUCT the Executive Secretary to make all the necessary arrangements for the negotiations.