PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE TREATY
ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Proposal by the Drafting Group

The Intersessional Committee, recalling the decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on November 1956 concerning the plan of the governments of Belgium, Luxemburg, Netherlands, France, Germany and Italy for forming a common market, having given preliminary consideration to the text of the Treaty - which was officially transmitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 18 April 1957 - and, believing that further preparatory work is necessary to facilitate effective examination of the Treaty by the CONTRACTING PARTIES under the relevant provisions of the GATT, agreed on the following procedures:

1. At the end of the Intersessional Committee's meeting the Executive Secretary shall transmit to all contracting parties the summary records of the Committee's proceedings on the Treaty together with any documentation that may be received from the Interim Committee for the Common Market. At the same time he shall invite contracting parties to submit questions not later than 31 May 1957 concerning the provisions of the Treaty and its implementation.

2. A small Working Group of the contracting parties to be appointed by the Chairman shall meet immediately after the end of May to prepare a consolidated list of questions for transmission to the Interim Committee. The Executive Secretary shall then forward the list to the Interim Committee and shall enter into such consultations as may be necessary to assist the Committee.

3. The Interim Committee shall be requested to supply explanations in answer to the questions to the Executive Secretary not later than 15 July 1957. These will be conveyed by the Executive Secretary to the contracting parties. The Intersessional Committee shall be convened in the latter half of August for such further examination of the Treaty as may be necessary, and to recommend the subsequent procedure to be adopted for consideration of the Treaty by the CONTRACTING PARTIES either at a Special Session or at the Twelfth Session.