GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Working Party on the Association of Overseas Territories with the European Economic Community to meet in February and March 1958

The GATT Working Party on the Association of Overseas Territories with the European Economic Community will meet at Geneva from 5 to 20 February 1958 and again from 26 February to 8 March.

This Working Party formed one of four sub-groups which held extensive discussions during the Twelfth Session to examine the arrangements in the Rome Treaty for the association of certain overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community. At the end of the Session it was agreed that this Working Party should continue its work, and its future work programme was formulated at a meeting held on 16 December. It was decided that the first stage of its work would be limited to an examination of the effects on the trade of other countries resulting from exports of certain products from the associated territories to the six Member States, and it was agreed that this work should proceed in the following way:

The Working Party will meet from 5 to 20 February to examine the following products: cocoa, coffee, tea, sugar, bananas, and tobacco. A second meeting, from 26 February to 8 March, will deal with the following products: hard fibres (coir, sisal, jute, etc.) cotton, oilseeds and vegetable oils (groundnuts and oil, copra, coconut oil, palm kernels, palm oil), wood and timber (including plywood).

The membership of the Working Party is as follows:

Brazil  Ceylon  Chile  Dominican Republic  France
Ghana  Greece  India  Indonesia  Netherlands
Pakistan  Rhodesia and Nyasaland  United Kingdom  United States

Chairman: Mr. T. Hagen (Sweden)

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