At the Thirteenth Session of the Contracting Parties, in November 1958, three committees were created in order to put into effect a programme of action towards the further expansion of international trade.

The first of these committees (Committee I) will meet on 9 February 1959.

The terms of reference of Committee I are "to examine the possibility of arranging a further general round of tariff negotiations within the framework of the General Agreement and to make suggestions to the Contracting Parties on the scope of such negotiations, the rules and conditions for holding them, their timing and venue".

The members of Committee I are:

Austria  Cuba  Sweden
Belgium  France  Switzerland
Brazil  Germany  Turkey
Cambodia  Italy  United Kingdom
Canada  Japan  United States
Chile  Norway

The chairman is Dr. Emanuel Treu, Austria.