NEW PARAGRAPH 28

The representative of the Six stated that he had taken note of the views expressed by representatives of other participating countries. He noted, however, that no case of concrete damage had been brought forward.

He stated that these views would be brought to the attention of the competent Ministers of the Member States of the Community so that they could be taken into consideration when negotiations were held in order to fix the common external tariff rates.

He further added that the EEC had already given serious consideration to a number of points raised by representatives of other participating countries. He also pointed out that some members of the EEC are applying fairly high rates of duty on these products, so that the adoption of a rate of duty equal to zero, as suggested by other participating countries, would involve a substantial concession to third countries.

NEW PARAGRAPH 6

The representative of the Six said that the Six had agreed to enter into consultations on lead and zinc on the conditions laid down by the Inter-sessional Committee and accepted by the six governments of the Member States. He recalled that, in the letter of acceptance addressed by the Chairman of the Council of the Community to the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the Six stated that consultations could only deal with specific cases arising out of the application of the Treaty of Rome by one or several Members States of the Community. Although, in the present case, the existence of a specific case was hardly conceivable in view of the fact that the Member States had not even completed negotiations between themselves on the common tariff rates to be applied to the products under consideration, the Six had not opposed the request for consultations by the Australian Government. However, the Six wished to make it clear that this did not affect in any way the conditions referred to above.