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 second of these committees (Committee II) will meet on 2 March 1959.

The terms of reference of Committee II are:

"(a) To assemble, in consultation with other competent international organizations, and in particular with the Food and Agriculture Organization, data regarding the use by contracting parties of non-tariff measures for the protection of agriculture or in support of incomes of agricultural producers, and the agricultural policies from which these measures derive. On the basis of such data and in consultation with the contracting parties concerned, to examine the effects of these measures adopted by individual contracting parties on international trade as a whole, and in particular on the trade in products entering importantly into international trade.

"(b) To consider, in the light of such data, the extent to which the existing rules of GATT and their application have proved inadequate to promote the expansion of international trade on a reciprocal and mutually advantageous basis as contemplated in Article I, and to report on the steps that might appropriately be taken in the circumstances.

"(c) To suggest procedures for further consultations between all contracting parties on agricultural policies as they affect international trade."

The members of Committee II are:

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Finland
France
Germany
Greece
India
Italy
Netherlands

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Switzerland
Union of South Africa
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay
The Chairman of Committee II is Dr. Roberto de Oliveira Campos, Director of the Brazilian National Bank for Economic Development and Professor of Economics at the University of Brazil. Dr. Campos was a member of the Panel of Experts which submitted the report entitled "Trends in International Trade" of the Thirteenth Session of the Contracting Parties in 1958.