The proposals outlined by the Chairman at the meeting of Committee III on 11 November are reproduced below.

The present meeting should, in the main, concern itself with deciding the manner in which the various aspects of the Work Programme should be tackled and in drawing up some sort of agenda for the 1960 meeting. There appear to be four sections of work to be tackled by the Committee at its 1960 meeting. These are:

2. Examination of obstacles to trade in products other than those for which some examination has already been made.
3. Section II(2) of the Committee's Work Programme.
4. Section II(3) of the Committee's Work Programme.

The following points require study by the Committee under each of the four heads:

On Item 1, (Further examination of the matters discussed in the Second Report of the Committee) this further study should take the form of an examination of the trade effects of the particular measures which have already been identified by the Committee and an investigation of the possibilities of their rapid reduction or elimination. This exercise might be carried out by a Working Party.

On Item 2, (Examination of obstacles to trade in products other than those for which some examination has already been made), the Committee at its early 1960 meeting, might also make a first quick examination as was carried out at the September meeting on the first group of products, on other products of interest to less-developed countries. The Committee might be in a position at this meeting to determine the further list of products for study but if this is not possible, it will be necessary to defer to the spring session the determination of this second list of products.

Item 3, (Section II(2) of the Committee's Work Programme), requires the Committee to make a study of the possibility of channelling of expansion of existing industries or starting of new industries by less-developed countries into directions where such countries will be economically efficient producers. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the Second Report of the Committee, the secretariat is inviting less-developed countries to list and furnish information in regard to manufactured products which should in their opinion be dealt Spec(59)296
with on a basis of priority. If a thorough study of this section of the Work Programme is to be carried out, it would appear to be necessary for the Committee to be furnished with supporting information about plans which may exist for individual less-developed countries for development of the items selected and for the increase of their export earning capacity. The Committee will recall that in paragraph 13 of its Second Report it recommends that "contracting parties particularly industrialized countries... should in their economic policies take into account the urgent need of less-developed countries, to increase their export earnings and should as far as possible avoid hindrance to the import of such goods of such countries". The Committee will therefore have to address itself to the question of the scope for industrialized countries to open their markets to exports of industrial goods from less-developed countries, and the possibility which may exist for the reduction or removal of barriers in the industrialized countries.

On Item 4, (Section II(3) of the Committee's Work Programme), requires a study of measures which might be taken by less-developed countries... to improve their own production and marketing techniques and an examination of trade control or other internal measures which might disrupt export or import trade between less-developed countries. In accordance with paragraph 16 of the Second Report of the Committee, the secretariat is inviting members of the Committee to submit information and analytical comments on their exports in the matters referred to which might assist the Committee in its work, and in this connexion comments from importing countries will be particularly useful. It seems that some time ought to be allowed at the early 1960 meeting for a preliminary examination of the material which it is hoped will come to hand.