The Chairman has been considering whether there would be any advantage in holding a meeting of the Tariff Negotiations Committee in the near future, and has come to the conclusion that, as matters stand at the moment, little could be gained from such a meeting. He does not therefore intend to convene the Committee until the very first days of September unless the circumstances require an earlier meeting, or unless requests are made to him for an earlier meeting.

There would however be some advantage in obtaining up-to-date information on the situation. Delegations are accordingly reminded of the requirement that entry into negotiations should be notified to the secretariat. Apart from this each contracting party is asked to notify the secretariat, by 25 July 1961 at the latest, of any exploratory talks it is conducting in preparation for the entry into negotiations; and to indicate with which other countries it is willing (a) to enter into negotiation, or (b) to hold exploratory talks.