 GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Trade Negotiations Committee
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INITIAL NEGOTIATING RIGHTS

Proposal by Director-General for Consideration by the
Trade Negotiations Committee

As there will in respect of the Kennedy Round concessions, generally, be no indication of contracting parties with which concessions were initially negotiated and as several important Articles of the GATT (XVIII, XXIV, XXVII and XXVIII) refer to such contracting parties I propose that the Trade Negotiations Committee adopt the following text and submit it to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their twenty-fourth session for formal endorsement.

"In respect of the concessions specified in the Schedules annexed to the Geneva (1967) Protocol, a contracting party shall, when the question arises, be deemed for the purposes of the General Agreement to be the contracting party with which a concession was initially negotiated if it had during a representative period prior to that time a principal supplying interest in the product concerned."