GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL

Tariff Negotiations Committee

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
on Monday, 19 November 1956, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. P.A. FORTHOMME (Belgium)

Subject discussed: Appointment of Alternates to meet in Rio de Janeiro

1. Mr. P.A. FORTHOMME (Belgium) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Tariff Negotiations Committee.

2. The Committee agreed to appoint Alternates to hold meetings in Rio de Janeiro, with the following terms of reference:

   (i) To study the effects of the application of the new Brazilian tariff, having in mind paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Report of the Working Party of the Eleventh Session (L/581),

   (ii) To consider any technical questions raised by the negotiating contracting parties regarding the new tariff,

   (iii) To advise the Tariff Negotiations Committee on the timing of negotiations.

3. While it was clear that the services of Alternates would be mainly required after the new Brazilian tariff had entered into force, the Committee considered that advantage should be taken of the presence in Rio de Janeiro on 8, 9 and 10 December of Mr. J. Royer, Deputy Executive Secretary, to hold a meeting at that time. In view of the concern of some representatives that their governments might not be able in this short interval to nominate and send instructions to, their Rio representatives, it was agreed that this first meeting should have an informal character. The Brazilian Government was therefore asked to invite, in the name of GATT, the local representatives of all the contracting parties to an informal meeting.

4. In order to facilitate liaison between contracting parties and the Brazilian Government, the representative of Brazil said that all questions relating to the forthcoming tariff negotiations should be addressed to:

   Ministerio da Fazenda,
   Conselho Tecnico de Economia e Finanças,
   1.m. Consultiva dos Assuntos do GATT,
   RIO DE JANEIRO.