GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL

Tariff Negotiations Committee

TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL

Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES made at the meeting
held on 22 November 1958 (SR.13/21) by the Chairman of the Committee

The negotiations between a number of contracting parties and Brazil, conducted in accordance with the Decision of 16 November 1956, which began in February of this year, are approaching their conclusion.

Bilateral negotiations have been concluded by Brazil with the following:

- Australia
- Austria
- Canada
- Czechoslovakia
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Greece
- India
- Italy
- Japan
- Norway
- Sweden
- South Africa

The negotiations with the United States have been practically concluded but final agreement has not yet been reached; with the United Kingdom and with the Benelux countries negotiations are in progress; with a few other countries discussions have been held which may result in formal agreements.

The Tariff Negotiations Committee has prepared a draft "Protocol relating to negotiations for the establishment of a new Schedule III - Brazil" (TNB/23 and TNB/24). This Protocol is submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for their approval. The Committee proposes that it be opened for signature on 31 December 1958.

It is hoped that all the results of the negotiations will be ready in time to be annexed to the Protocol before it is opened for signature. If, however, negotiations between Brazil and any other contracting party should be completed after the Protocol has been opened for signature, the results of these negotiations may be annexed to the Protocol by a procès-verbaux signed by the contracting party concerned and by Brazil.
As a result of the negotiations some governments have reserved the right to withdraw from their Schedules, or modify, items which were initially negotiated with Brazil. It is suggested that if a contracting party proceeds to such a withdrawal or modification the CONTRACTING PARTIES agree that other contracting parties, having an interest in the products concerned shall be authorized to avail themselves of the same procedures as those provided for in the case of suspension of concessions, as laid down in paragraph 2 of the Decision of 16 November 1956.

For the information of contracting parties, the Schedules which are to be annexed to the Protocol on 31 December 1958 will be submitted to all contracting parties at least one week before that date. Any further Schedules which may be annexed to the Protocol after it is opened for signature shall be circulated to all contracting parties at least one week before they are so annexed.