TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL

Tariff Negotiations Committee

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
on Monday, 7 October 1957, at 10 a.m.

Subject discussed: Programme and date of Tariff Negotiations

1. The DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY reported on the action taken by the secretariat since the last meeting and on the meetings held by the local representatives of the members of the Committee in Rio with a view to clarifying certain provisions of the new Tariff Law.

2. The following documents have been circulated to the members of the Committee:

       See also Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Fifth Supplement, pp. 36 and 122.

   (b) The text of the Brazilian Tariff Law and the Tariff (in Portuguese).
       (An English text of the Tariff was being prepared.)

   (c) Basic Document on Consultations under Article XII:4(b) with Brazil (MT/90/57). This document contains an analysis of the Brazilian Tariff Law and provisional translations into English and French of the Tariff Law (but not of the Tariff Schedule).

   (d) Answers of the Brazilian Government to questions asked by the local representative of members of the Committee in connexion with the Brazilian Tariff Law No. 3244 of 14 August 1957.

3. On 18 November 1957 and thereafter, preliminary discussions will be held in Geneva with the Brazilian delegation either at meetings of the Committee or bilaterally for the clarification of any points in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference. The negotiating teams of the participating governments should be in Geneva on 6 January 1958 to start the actual negotiations.
The secretariat would be at the disposal of the Committee to collect and prepare any information and documentation which might be of assistance to it in particular concerning the points referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Working Party's report.

4. The Decision of 16 November 1956, provides that the negotiations with Brazil are to be completed and the results put into effect within a period not to exceed one year from the date of the enactment of the new Tariff, provided that this period might be extended by the CONTRACTING PARTIES upon application by the negotiating contracting parties concerned. As the CONTRACTING PARTIES will probably not be in session when such an application might be made the Committee recommends that the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Twelfth Session give the necessary authority to the Intersessional Committee to extend the period if requested.