TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACCESSION OF JAPAN

Procedures for Entry into and Conduct of Negotiations

The Tariff Negotiations Committee today approved the following procedures:

1. The exchange of offers between delegations should take place as follows:
   
   (a) at their first meeting the two delegations will exchange lists of offers made in response to the requests addressed to each other;
   
   (b) immediately after the first meeting, the two delegations will:

   (i) notify the Executive Secretary that they have exchanged lists of offers;
   
   (ii) send 20 copies of each list of offers to the secretariat;

   (c) after each meeting between two delegations in which offers have been exchanged, and copies sent to the secretariat, the latter will send:

   (i) copies of the lists of offers, exchanged by the two delegations, to all delegations which have entered into negotiations with either party, and

   (ii) to the two delegations which have exchanged offers, copies of all lists of offers previously submitted by other participating countries to either party.

2. As a negotiation proceeds and changes are made in the offers, i.e. if offers are altered or withdrawn, or if new offers are made, the secretariat and other delegations with which the negotiations are in progress should be informed periodically.

3. All negotiations will be conducted in secrecy, and all lists of requests and offers are to be treated as SECRET. Each delegation shall take positive action to ensure the preservation of the secrecy of all lists which it receives in the course of the negotiations.