NOTE BY THE WORKING PARTY ON TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

Consultation with Delegations concerning dates on which Submission of Requests and Exchanges of offers are due.

The Working Party, at its meeting on April 23, discussed arrangements for consulting with Delegations as the scheduled dates approach, in order that the Working Party might have regularly at its disposal the up-to-date information required for its effective operation, including the submission of progress reports to the Chairman's Committee (Heads of Delegations).

The Working Party has accordingly authorised the Deputy Executive Secretary to check each day on its behalf, with the Delegations concerned regarding requests scheduled to be submitted or offers scheduled to be exchanged on that day in order to confirm that the schedule is being maintained or improved.

In this connection, the Working Party would advise Delegations that, in its view, the Working Party is not authorised to revise to significantly later dates the dates scheduled in the two annexures to Document E/PC/T/47 as approved by the Preparatory Committee in executive session on April 22. Although the Working Party will be prepared to discuss suggested changes with Delegations, any material postponement of dates would have to be referred by the Working Party to the Chairman's Committee (Heads of Delegations) for approval before any such revision of the present schedule is made. The Working Party will report on any such requests in its periodic reports to the Chairman's Committee.