SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

FIFTH REPORT

by the

TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WORKING PARTY

on

THE PROGRESS OF TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

Since the opening of tariff negotiations on the 23rd April 74 initial meetings have been held.

Annex A shows the number of negotiations in which each member of the Preparatory Committee is participating. Of the 74 pairs of countries that have entered negotiations 27 have had a second meeting, 11 have held a third, 8 have held a fourth, and 5 have held more than 4. The total number of meetings held up to and including 24 May is 143.

Notes on the negotiations opened last week and on the initial meetings scheduled for the current week appear in Annexures B and C.

Annex 'A' - Negotiations opened by Members of the Preparatory Committee:

74 initial meetings have been held and 19 are scheduled to take place by the end of May. 9 other pairs of countries are expected to enter negotiations but dates have not yet been fixed.

Annex 'B' - Negotiations opened week commencing 19 May:

Of the 15 initial meetings scheduled for last week 5 were postponed and are to be held during the current week, 2 were postponed without dates being fixed and one has been cancelled as it has been found doubtful whether a basis for negotiations exists. 2 meetings not originally scheduled for last week were held on 23 May.

Annex 'C' - Opening Negotiations Planned for week commencing 27 May:

19 meetings for the initial exchange of offers have been fixed for the current week; 10 of these were originally scheduled to take place at an earlier date.
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ANNEX "B"

NEGOTIATIONS OPENED WEEK COMMENCING 19TH MAY

Monday, 19th
China - India
France - India

Tuesday, 20th
Australia - China
Canada - Chile

Wednesday, 21st
India - Norway

Thursday, 22nd
Cuba - South Africa

Friday, 23rd
Australia - South Africa
Brazil - United Kingdom
Cuba - Norway

Number of Initial Meetings held prior to 19 May : 65
" " " " " week commencing 19 May : 9
" " " " " prior to 27 May : 74
ANNEX "C"

OPENING NEGOTIATIONS PLANNED FOR WEEK COMMENCING 27th MAY

Tuesday, 27th
- Benelux - Cuba (postponed from 12 May)
- Brazil - France (postponed from 15 May)
- Brazil - India

Wednesday, 28th
- Australia - India
- Brazil - South Africa
- Benelux - France (postponed from 21 May)
- Chile - India

Thursday, 29th
- Australia - Brazil (postponed from 20 May)
- Benelux - Brazil (postponed from 15 May)
- Benelux - United Kingdom (postponed from 21 May)

Friday, 30th
- Australia - Benelux
- Australia - Czechoslovakia
- Benelux - Czechoslovakia
- Brazil - Czechoslovakia (postponed from 26 May)
- Brazil - New Zealand
- Chile - South Africa
- Czechoslovakia - France (postponed from 22 May)
- Czechoslovakia - United Kingdom (postponed from 27 May)

Saturday, 31st
- Chile - United Kingdom (postponed from 27 May)

Number of Initial Meetings held prior to 27 May: 74
- to be held week commencing 27 May: 19
- held or scheduled up to 31 May: 93