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

Comments of the Netherlands delegation on the draft-schedules to be attached to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (document E/PC/T/153)

1. A comparison between the draft-general agreement (document E/PC/T/135) and the drafted schedules shows the following inconsistencies:

   a. Art. I, par. 3 of the draft agreement does not provide for the scheduling of the preferential margin only, the M.F.N. rate and the preferential rate remaining unscheduled. The draft-schedules do provide so.

   b. Art. I, par. 3 of the draft agreement does not provide for the scheduling of the preferential rate. The draft schedules do provide so.

   It thus seems advisable to amend the wording of Art. I, par. 3 so that these possibilities will be mentioned.

2. Attention is drawn to the fact that since the date of distribution of document E/PC/T/153, art. 15 of the Charter has been redrafted in subcommittee. This redraft would necessitate an essential change in the wording of the note on internal taxes mentioned under tariff item nr. 331 on page 6 of the English text of document E/PC/T/153 (page 7 of the French text).

Furthermore the present wording of the note does not make it clear whether it intends to refer only to rates of internal taxes which are preferential for the products from one or a few countries as opposed to those from all other countries, or whether - as seems logical - it also refers to discrimination in the rates for domestic products on one hand and all imported products on the other hand.