

SUBJECT: PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR AUTUMN 1964

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AT ITS MEETING ON 6 JULY THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE TIMES OF MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PREFERENCES, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE III SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS AND TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION.

AS INDICATED IN GATT/AIR/405 THE CHAIRMAN HELD CERTAIN CONSULTATIONS IN THIS CONNEXION AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY AND IT WAS AGREED THAT HE SHOULD FURTHER CONSULT DELEGATIONS EARLY IN SEPTEMBER WITH A VIEW TO HIS REACHING A DECISION ON APPROPRIATE TIMING OF MEETINGS. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE FURTHER CONSULTATIONS THE CHAIRMAN HAS SET DOWN THE FOLLOWING TIME-TABLE:

12-14 OCTOBER	SUB-COMMITTEE 1 OF ACTION COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE 2 OF ACTION COMMITTEE (TO MEET ALTERNATE HALF DAYS DURING THIS PERIOD)
21- OCTOBER	WORKING PARTY ON PREFERENCES
28-30 OCTOBER	COUNCIL
WEEKS COMMENCING 2 NOVEMBER (IF NECESSARY)	SUB-COMMITTEE 1 OF ACTION COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE 2 OF ACTION COMMITTEE (TO MEET ALTERNATE HALF DAYS DURING THIS PERIOD)
9 NOVEMBER	ACTION COMMITTEE
12 NOVEMBER (ONE DAY ONLY)	COMMITTEE III

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE WORK PROGRAMMES FOR THE ABOVE MEETINGS WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND FROM THE WORKING GROUP ON PREFERENCES AND TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AT THEIR SPECIAL SESSION ON 16 NOVEMBER. A DETAILED AGENDA WILL BE CIRCULATED LATER.

WORKING PARTY ON PREFERENCES

IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE THAT, BEFORE THE WORKING PARTY NEXT MEETS, ITS WORK SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PREPARED THROUGH ADVANCE CONSULTATION BETWEEN DELEGATIONS.

ACTION COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM SUB-COMMITTEES 1 AND 2 WILL WISH TO CONSIDER ITS OWN FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND THE FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES.

SUB-COMMITTEE 1 OF ACTION COMMITTEE

THE SECRETARIAT WILL SUBMIT TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE, ON THE BASIS OF NOTIFICATIONS SO FAR MADE, AN ANALYSIS OF THE STEPS TAKEN SO FAR BY CONTRACTING PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTION PROGRAMME AND WILL SEEK TO ISOLATE THE AREAS WHERE LEAST PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL NO DOUBT WISH ON THE BASIS OF THIS DOCUMENT TO CONSIDER WHAT PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME, BEARING IN MIND THE TIME-TABLE LAID DOWN IN THE PROGRAMME.

SUB-COMMITTEE 2 OF ACTION COMMITTEE

SUB-COMMITTEE 2, WHOSE PRINCIPAL TASK IS TO ASSIST THE ACTION COMMITTEE IN ITS TASK OF IMPLEMENTING POINT (viii) OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME, WILL NO DOUBT WISH TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE ELSEWHERE, AND TO RECOMMEND WHETHER THERE ARE NOW PROPOSALS WHICH SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE III

AS INDICATED IN GATT/AIR/405 IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE SPECIAL SESSION. A GOOD DEAL OF PREPARATORY WORK, PARTICULARLY IN CONNEXION WITH THE STUDIES OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND THE EXAMINATION OF FURTHER PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, REMAINS TO BE DONE AND IT IS NOW CONTEMPLATED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO UNDERTAKE THE DETAILED WORK INVOLVED UNTIL EARLY IN 1965. NEVERTHELESS IT IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE A ONE-DAY MEETING THIS AUTUMN TO REVIEW ITS WORK PROGRAMME AND TO CONSIDER WHETHER ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS SHOULD BE ADDED TO ITS AGENDA.

THE MEETINGS WILL COMMENCE AT 3 PM ON EACH OF THE DATES INDICATED AND WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PREFERENCES, THE ACTION COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEES 1 AND 2 OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE, AND COMMITTEE III ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME BY 16 OCTOBER OF THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR DELEGATIONS. CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS, NOT MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE BODIES, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS DESIRING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS SHOULD INFORM ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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