

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## CUSTOMS TARIFF OF ROMANIA

### Draft Interim Report by the Working Party

1. The Council, at its meeting on 28 March 1974, established a Working Party to examine, in the light of the relevant provisions of the General Agreement, the customs tariff and the regulations on the customs tariff introduced by Romania, and to report to the Council.
2. The Working Party met on 9-13 December 1974, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Colliander (Sweden).
3. The Working Party had before it the following documents relevant to its work:  

L/3989	Customs Tariff of Romania
L/4037	Explanatory Memorandum on the rôle of the tariff
L/4101 and Corr.1	Questions and Replies
4. The Working Party had a discussion on the following points:
  - The relationship between the Plan and the Romanian Tariff;
  - The rôle of the tariff in the price formation process;
  - The basic criteria for converting into lei the foreign prices of imported products;
  - The global application of the customs tariff;
  - Preferential tariff treatment for developing countries;
  - Private and specialized imports;
  - Future renegotiation of the Romanian import commitment (Schedule LXIX).

5. The Working Party agreed that it had had a useful discussion on the items listed in the preceding paragraph, and that the Romanian delegation had been able to provide much additional information, which had contributed to further clarifying the issues in connexion with the introduction of the Romanian customs tariff.

6. Several delegations, however, felt that there was a need for further reflexion on some of the points discussed, in order to be able to take into account the additional information received at the meeting.

7. The Working Party therefore agreed to hold another meeting in early 1975 with a view to then arriving at conclusions to be presented to the Council.