SUMMARY RECORD

of the Meeting held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on 26 October 1955, at 10 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. L. Dana WILGRESS (Canada)

Subjects discussed: 1. Provisional Agenda for the Tenth Session
2. Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES

1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TENTH SESSION (L/417 and Add.1)

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that with the exception of two new items contained in L/417/Add.1 the Committee had already reviewed and approved all the items for inclusion in the Provisional Agenda in September.

Dr. STANDENAT (Austria) said his Government might wish to propose an additional item for the Agenda after making contact with the delegation concerned.

Mr. MACHADO (Brazil) stated that his Government might also wish to have a further item included in the Agenda. The proposals for the revision of the Brazilian tariff were now being considered by his Government and might shortly be submitted to Congress for approval. If they were approved, his Government would like to take advantage of the fact that the CONTRACTING PARTIES were in session to provide information on the basis, consequences and objectives of the new tariff.

The Committee agreed that the Provisional Agenda including the two new items be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Tenth Session.

2. REPORT TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES (draft report, IC/W/45)

The CHAIRMAN submitted for approval a draft report on the work of the Committee since the Ninth Session.

In the discussion which ensued, several amendments to the report were agreed, generally concerning the recommendations to be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES as to the arrangements for the Tenth Session and the Order of Business for dealing with items on the Agenda. Among its recommendations to the CONTRACTING PARTIES the Committee included:
1. That hours of meetings should be: 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.;

2. That simultaneous interpretation should be provided for all plenary meetings;

3. That plenary meetings should as a general rule be held in the afternoon;

4. That the item "Status of Agreement and Protocols" be taken on the first day of the Session in order to provide delegations with an opportunity to state the position of their Governments on the acceptance of the Protocols of Amendment and the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation.

With regard to the placing of "Status of Agreement and Protocols" on the agenda for the first meeting, the CHAIRMAN stated that the subjects covered were sufficiently broad to permit representatives of contracting parties to make statements of a general character not particularly connected with an agenda item.

The Committee approved the draft report.¹

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

¹ The report as amended has been issued in L/439.