GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Intersessional Committee

SUMMARY RECORD

of the meeting held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Saturday, 30 November 1957 at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. L.K. Jha (India)

Subject discussed: Arrangements for further consideration of the Treaty
establishing the European Economic Community.

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the Report (L/766) by the Chairman of the
Committee which had been appointed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Twelfth
Session to examine the Treaty of Rome, in which it was recommended that a working
party be established with the same membership as Sub-Group D of the Committee
of the Twelfth Session to undertake a study of the problems which the association
of the overseas territories raised for the trade of other contracting parties.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that he thought it desirable not
to enlarge or amend the membership of the working party; any contracting party
could be represented at its meetings by an observer who would have the right to
participate in the discussions. In reply to a question by the Netherlands
representative, he said that if the six Member States found it necessary to alter
their representation in the working party, the Chairman of the working party would
have full discretion to decide on the matter.

A Working Party on the Association of Overseas Territories was appointed
with the following membership:

Chairman: Mr. Hagen (Sweden)

Brazil    Ghana    Pakistan
Ceylon    Greece    Federation of Rhodesia and
Chile     India     Nyasaland
Dominican Republic    Indonesia    United Kingdom
France    Netherlands    United States
The Committee approved the arrangements proposed in L/766; the first meeting of the Working Party would be held on 16 December, but the second would be held on 5 February, instead of 22 January, in order to give the secretariat adequate time to prepare the statistical and other material required; and the Intersessional Committee would meet on 14 April to consider Rome Treaty questions, including a report from the Working Party.

The CHAIRMAN asked the secretariat to advise contracting parties by the middle of March of the agenda and the probable duration of the April meeting.

The Committee rose at 10 a.m.