AGENDA

Meeting opening on 23 June 1955

The meeting will be held in Salle XV in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 11 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Agenda for the meeting stands as given in GATT/AIR/63 of 3 June 1955. The Chairman will propose the order in which the items might be dealt with.

1. REQUESTS BY BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG FOR WAIVERS ON MAINTENANCE OF QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Belgium’s request is contained in L/357 and Add.1 and 2 and the request by Luxembourg in L/358 and Add.1 and 2. Each government is asking for a waiver from the obligations of Article XI with respect to specified agricultural products. The Government of Belgium asks for a waiver until the end of 1962. The Government of Luxembourg states that it is submitting its application under Article XXV.

2. FRENCH SPECIAL TEMPORARY COMPENSATION TAX ON IMPORTS

The Decision of 17 January 1955 (BISD Third Supplement, page 26) instructs the Committee to follow closely the measures taken by the French Government to implement its undertaking to remove the tax as soon as possible and calls upon the French Government to report by 1 April 1955 on the measures taken. No report has been received.

3. AUSTRALIAN INTENSIFICATION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Some details of the modification of the import restrictions maintained by Australia pursuant to Article XII are contained in L/350 and Add.1. The CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed, as reported in L/356, to waive the time-limit.
4. **REQUEST BY AUSTRIA RE ADOPTION OF BRUSSELS NOMENCLATURE AND ADJUSTMENT OF SPECIFIC DUTIES**

The request by the Government of Austria is set forth in L/353. It was decided at the Third Session that the nomenclature of the Schedules can be changed by the rectification procedures. The specific rates in the Austrian Schedule are expressed in gold crowns, but a Note provides that duties may be collected in schillings at the rate of 6.96 for each gold crown. The Government of Austria now proposes to express the specific duties in schillings and to delete the Note. To simplify the calculations, however, it is proposed to multiply the rates by 7 instead of by 6.96.

5. **SCHEDULING OF INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS**

(a) Working Party on Plans for Tariff Reductions
(b) Working Party on Commodity Problems
(c) Next Meeting of Intersessional Committee.

A note by the Executive Secretary has been distributed in IC/W/31.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**