

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Intersessional Committee

AGENDA (Revised)

FOR THE MEETING OF THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1957

1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH SESSION

The Committee is to consider the items on the Provisional Agenda with a view to clarifying and defining the issues involved and to examine the adequacy of the documentation available. Explanatory notes on the Agenda items have been issued in IC/W/65.

2. MEETING OF TRADE MINISTERS

At the Eleventh Session it was agreed in principle that it would be advantageous if Trade Ministers were to attend sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and the Intersessional Committee was instructed to arrange for such a meeting at the Twelfth Session and to make recommendations for an agenda. The Executive Secretary has suggested that the meeting be held during the week commencing 28 October and has proposed certain items for discussion (GATT/AIR/118). At its meeting in August the Committee considered it desirable to ascertain the intentions of contracting parties as regards participation and requested them to transmit their views on this point to the secretariat before 19 September.

3. EUROPEAN CUSTOMS UNION

The procedures agreed upon by the Committee in April envisage that the Committee will make such further examination of the Treaty as may be necessary and recommend procedures for consideration of the Treaty by the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The Interim Committee for the Common Market and Euratom has furnished replies to a consolidated list of questions submitted by contracting parties concerning the provisions of the Treaty and its implementation (L/656). The Interim Committee has also transmitted a memorandum setting out the most important aspects of the Treaty, particularly in relation to the provisions of the General Agreement (L/637/Rev.1).

4. RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES

This question was referred to the Committee with instructions to submit a report and recommendations to the Twelfth Session. The Norwegian Government has submitted a draft supplementary agreement to the GATT on the control of restrictive business practices, together with an explanatory memorandum (L/653). A proposal by the Government of Germany was submitted at the Eleventh Session (L/551).

5. FRENCH SPECIAL TEMPORARY COMPENSATION TAX ON IMPORTS

In accordance with the Decision of 16 November 1956, the Government of France has submitted a report to the Committee (L/671) on developments in this matter.

6. GREEK INCREASE OF BOUND DUTY

The German complaint examined at the Eleventh Session and the report of the customs experts were referred to the Committee for further consideration (L/575 and L/580). The Greek Government has requested that discussion of this item be deferred until the Twelfth Session.

7. EXPORT OF SUBSIDIZED EGGS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Danish Government has reported that further discussions with the Government of the United Kingdom, on the complaint examined by the Committee in April, have been held and that they are satisfied with the measures to be taken by the United Kingdom to prevent exports of subsidized eggs. If the other contracting parties which joined in this complaint are also satisfied, the item can be withdrawn from the agenda and recorded as settled.

8. BRAZILIAN TARIFF

The Executive Secretary has been informed that the new Brazilian Tariff was approved on 14 August 1957 and has entered into force.

9. CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XII:4(b)

A time-table of consultations to be conducted prior to and during the Twelfth Session was issued in QRC/16. Some changes will be proposed.

10. NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee should meet again shortly before the opening of the Twelfth Session, i.e. on 16 October, to give further consideration to the Provisional Agenda with a view to recommending an order of business.