

Contracting Parties

Third Session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

Held at Hotel Verdun, Annecy
on Friday, 8 July 1949, at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Eric Wyndham White (the Executive Secretary)

Subject discussed: Re-negotiation of Items in the Schedule
of Pakistan (GATT/CP3/57)

The CHAIRMAN recalled that the withdrawal of certain concessions which had been initially negotiated by Pakistan with Czechoslovakia, France and the United States had already been reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and had been approved in accordance with the procedure laid down at the Second Session; the representative of Pakistan now reported the result of re-negotiations with China and he enquired whether the CONTRACTING PARTIES would agree that the proposed modification of Schedule XV should be regarded as approved if no objections were received within 14 days.

THIS PROPOSAL WAS AGREED.

The CHAIRMAN then referred to the proposal concerning Item 73(4) - wireless receivers - which had been the subject of discussions with the delegations of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Mr. J.W. EVANS (United States) said his government had approved the withdrawal of this concession but he was not certain of the exact nature of the proposal now put forward.

Mr. S.A. HASNIE (Pakistan) explained that his government had sought the deletion of this item from both Part I and Part II of Schedule XV, but when the government of the Netherlands had objected to the withdrawal of the obligation affecting the preferential margin they had endeavoured to find some compromise between the wishes of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom; this had been achieved and his delegation would endeavour to ensure that the rate of duty would be less than 60% ad valorem and in that case the preferential margin would not exceed 8%.

Mr. R.J. SHACKLE (United Kingdom) thought that his government would be agreeable to the deletion of the item from both Parts of the Pakistan Schedule if the undertaking proposed by Mr. Hasnie were accepted as a gentlemen's agreement.

Mr. LAMSVELT (Netherlands) said he would agree to the deletion of the item on the understanding proposed by Mr. Shackle.

Mr. S.A. HASNIE (Pakistan) expressed the appreciation of his government for the understanding and co-operation of all the governments concerned in the re-negotiations, and Mr. HSUEH (China) expressed the pleasure of his delegation at being able to collaborate with the Pakistan representatives in dealing with this matter.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.