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TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL

Tariff Negotiations Committee

OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS

1. Opening Date

Contracting parties were informed by Airgram (GATT/AIR/122) dated 22 January 1958 of the Brazilian proposal to postpone the opening of the Tariff Negotiations from 3 February to Friday, 14 February 1958. No objections having been raised by participating governments, 14 February is therefore confirmed as the opening date.

2. Meeting of Tariff Negotiations Committee

In order to allow delegations to make contact with the Brazilian delegation and among themselves, it is felt that the first meeting of the Tariff Negotiations Committee could best take place on Monday, 17 February at 3 p.m., with the following agenda:

1. Opening of negotiations (Discussion of TNB/14);
2. Administrative and Security Arrangements (TNB/INF/1 TNB/INF/2 and TNB/15);
3. Any other business.

3. Lists of Products Submitted by Brazil

The secretariat has received and distributed to participating governments the lists of products on which Brazil would like to see concessions maintained in the schedules of the following Governments:

Australia	Greece
Benelux	Italy
Canada	Japan
Czechoslovakia	Norway
Dominican Republic	Peru
Finland	Sweden
France	Union of South Africa
Germany	United Kingdom
	United States

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4. Lists of Products Submitted by other Governments

The secretariat has also received and distributed to participating governments copies of the lists of products or items which the following Governments would like to see included in the new Brazilian schedule:

Australia	India
Austria	Italy
Benelux	Japan
Canada	New Zealand
Czechoslovakia	Norway
Denmark	Sweden
Finland	United Kingdom
France	United States

5. New Negotiations

The negotiations between Brazil and other participants whose schedules already contain concessions initially granted to Brazil will take place in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Tariff Negotiations Committee on 17 December 1957 (TNB/13). Negotiations between Brazil and any contracting party not having negotiated with Brazil before will take place under the procedures for negotiations between contracting parties contained in Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, (Vol. I, page 116). The first step in such negotiations is the submission of request lists, copies of which will be sent by the secretariat to all contracting parties.

6. Entry into Negotiations

In accordance with the procedures contained in TNB/13, paragraphs 1 and 2, the Brazilian Government will present, on the basis of lists of products or of requests received from other contracting parties, proposals for the concessions to be incorporated in the new Schedule III. The Brazilian Government should, upon entering into negotiations with a contracting party, hand to that contracting party not only the proposals for concessions it is prepared to make to it, but also a copy of the proposals it has already made to other contracting parties with which it has entered into negotiation.

7. Questions addressed to the Delegation of Brazil relating to Brazilian Tariff Law

A number of questions addressed to the Brazilian Government on the subject of the Brazilian Tariff Law of 14 August 1957 and the Brazilian replies thereto have been reproduced and distributed in documents TNB/3 and TNB/3/Add.1. It is assumed that there are no further questions of general interest and that delegations will clear up any remaining doubts in bilateral discussion with the Brazilian delegation so that meetings of the Tariff Negotiations Committee, which make heavy demands on the smaller delegations, may be limited to the strictly necessary minimum. The attention of all delegations is called in this respect to the customary practice in tariff negotiations of holding "preliminary meetings", if required, before entering into negotiations proper.