

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Contracting Parties

Third Session

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS TO DEAL WITH FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

It has been brought to my notice that several Contracting Parties will be sending among their representatives attending the Third Session financial experts to deal with certain subjects on the agenda, in particular with special exchange agreements and the South African import restrictions. It has been suggested that a definite programme should be proposed in advance for dealing with these questions.

Accordingly, after consultation with the Chairman, I wish to make the following proposals:

- (1) that the Committee on Special Exchange Agreements should meet on the morning of Monday, 11 April, and each morning and afternoon thereafter until it has completed its final report; and
- (2) that the question of the South African import restrictions be discussed by the Contracting Parties if possible at the first or second meeting; and that if a Working Party is appointed it should meet as soon as the Committee on Special Exchange Agreements has completed its task and thereafter each morning and afternoon until it has submitted its report.

In anticipation of acceptance of this programme by the CONTRACTING PARTIES when the Session opens on 8 April, I suggest that Contracting Parties should arrange for their financial experts to be prepared to deal with the agenda items I have mentioned on Saturday, 9 April. If the programme I have proposed is accepted, I believe the items in which the financial experts are particularly interested can be disposed of by about Tuesday, 19 April.