

CONTRACTING PARTIES

Third Session

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY 5 ON RECTIFICATIONS

1. The Working Party examined and approved the rectifications requested by the Delegations of Benelux, Brazil, Canada, France, India, Union of South Africa and the United States. The rectifications were incorporated in a draft protocol which at the request of the Contracting Parties contained also the revised text of an Interpretative Note to Article XXIV. Copies of the draft were circulated to the Delegations of the contracting parties and the comments received were taken into account by the Working Party in preparing the revised draft which has now been distributed. This Protocol will be prepared for signature before the close of the Session.

2. At the request of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the Working Party considered the type of protocol which should be drawn up to give effect to the revision of Schedule I-Australia as recommended by Working Party 6. One of the members of the Working Party stated that, apart from objections of principle to the inclusion of a revised schedule in a protocol of rectifications, his Government would have to submit it to parliament for approval and that consequently it would not be possible for him to sign a protocol embodying this revision at the present Session. The Working Party therefore decided that the revised Australian Schedule should not be included in the Third Protocol of Rectifications and that a separate protocol should be prepared. This was done and copies were circulated to delegations for examination.

3. It was brought to the notice of the Working Party that one of the present Schedules to the Agreement, that of Chile, did not contain a Part II relating to preferential tariffs although it had been arranged

during the Geneva negotiations that each Schedule would contain two parts, one relating to the most-favoured-nation tariff and the other to preferential tariffs whether or not the tariff of the country concerned contained preferential rates of duty. The delegation of Chile advised that it would have no objection to the addition of a Part II to Schedule VII containing the single word "Nil" provided it was understood that this did not imply that Chile did not grant preferential duties but only that no scheduled commitments regarding such duties had been undertaken in the Geneva Tariff negotiations. Provision has accordingly been made in the Protocol for the necessary addition to Schedule VII.

4. Further, the Protocol of rectifications provides for the addition of a Part II to Schedule II-Benelux in the French text and Schedule III-Brazil in the English text.