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ADVANCE AGENDA
FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO BE HELD IN TORQUAY COMMENCING 2 NOVEMBER 1950

Contracting parties which have items to propose for the Agenda for the Fifth Session should submit them and supporting documents at the earliest possible date. Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure provides:

"The provisional agenda for each session shall be drawn up..... at least three weeks before the date of meeting. It shall be open to any contracting party to propose items for inclusion in this provisional agenda up to one month from the date of meeting."

It is hoped, however, that delegations which are in a position to submit proposals before the one month date limit (2 October, 1950) will do so.

The following is an advance draft of the provisional agenda:

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
2. STATUS OF PROTOCOLS

At the 4th Session the Contracting Parties resolved that the establishment of a common text of the General Agreement was highly desirable and invited contracting parties which had not accepted all the protocols to do so by 28 September 1950.

3. TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS
 - a) Terms of Accession
 - b) Instrument to give Effect to Results of Negotiations among Contracting Parties
 - c) Procedure for Prolongation of assured Life of Geneva and Annecy Schedules
Draft protocols, etc., have been distributed in GATT/TN.2/12.
4. SCHEDULE IX - Cuba

A report on renegotiations between Cuba and the United States and a notification of action under Article XIX were contained in GATT/CP/71 & Add. 1.

5. TARIFF OF FINLAND

The proposed change of the Finnish tariff to an ad valorem basis is reported in GATT/CP.5/2.

6. REVIEW OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

At the 4th Session the Contracting Parties decided that during the 5th Session they would prepare a questionnaire, to be sent to contracting parties towards the end of 1950, to obtain information which would enable them to undertake at the 6th Session in 1951 the review of import restrictions required by Article XII: 4 (b) and to prepare their second report on the discriminatory application of restrictions under Article XIV: 1. A draft of the questionnaire will be distributed in September.
(GATT/CP.4/33, paragraph 26)

7. CONSULTATIONS ON RECENT CHANGES IN IMPORT CONTROL

During the 4th Session the Contracting Parties decided to undertake consultations with eight contracting parties on recent changes in their import programmes. (GATT/CP.4/31)

8. SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The International Monetary Fund is expected to report on the financial aspects of the South African restrictions. (GATT/CP.4/36)

9. EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

At the 4th Session the Contracting Parties approved the suggestion of a Working Party that attention might be given at an early date to obtaining information on quantitative restrictions on exports maintained under the provisions of Articles XI to XX.
(GATT/CP.4/33 paragraph 27 and GATT/CP.5/3)

10. SPECIAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

Several contracting parties agreed at the 4th Session either to join the International Monetary Fund or to enter into special exchange agreements with the Contracting Parties by 2 November 1950. If one or more special exchange agreements are in force at the time of the 5th Session, questions of procedure will require attention. (GATT/CP.4/41. Rev.1)

11. ARTICLE XVIII

Notifications of existing protective measures were made at Annecy by three of the governments which have since become contracting parties. Supporting statements of considerations have been submitted by these governments.

- a) Denmark: GATT/CP.3/40/Add. 3 & CP/77
- b) Haiti: GATT/CP.3/40; CP/60 & Add.1.
- c) Italy: GATT/CP.3/40/Add. 1; CP/49 & Add.1.

12. SOUTH AFRICA - SOUTHERN RHODESIA CUSTOM UNION

The first Annual Report of the Customs Union Council has been published and copies will be distributed to delegations at Torquay on 28 September. (GATT/CP/69 & Add.1)

13. AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDY ON AMMONIUM SULPHATE

The Governments of Australia and Chile are expected to report on action taken since the 4th Session (GATT/CP.4/39)

14. MOST-FAVOURED-NATION TREATMENT FOR JAPAN

At the 4th Session the Delegate of the United States gave notice that his Government wished this subject to be included in the Agenda for the 5th Session.

15. TRADE NEWS BULLETIN

The future of the Trade News Bulletin is to be considered.

16. BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1951

