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WORKING PARTY "B" ON SCHEDULES

Draft Report

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Working Party examined (1) the proposal of the Secretariat concerning the consolidation of the schedules to the General Agreement, (2) the incorporation of the results of the re-negotiations between Cuba and the United States in Schedule IX, and (3) rectifications to various Schedules.

(1) Consolidation of the Schedules

The Working Party recommends that the consolidated text of the Geneva, Annecy and Torquay schedules should be prepared immediately after the Torquay Conference, in order that it may be ready for final distribution immediately after the close of the Sixth Session of the Contracting Parties. The Working Party further recommends that delegations begin work on the consolidation of their schedules well before the close of the Torquay Conference in order to ensure that the timetable be strictly complied with.

The Working Party agreed that it would be useful to include in the consolidated lists first circulated for consideration by governments an indication of the country with which each concession was initially negotiated and of the document in which the concession appears, i.e., whether the Geneva Agreement Annecy or Torquay Protocols or other Protocol, i.e., Protocol of Rectifications or Modifications.

A proposed timetable for the preparation of the consolidated text, together with a model form and instructions, is contained in Annex A.

(2) Incorporation into Schedule IX of the results of the renegotiations between Cuba and the United States.

The Working Party examined various alternatives to give effect to the modifications to the Cuban Schedule and came to the conclusion that they might most appropriately be incorporated in the Torquay Protocol. The Legal Working Party advised that there would be no legal obstacle to such action. The Working Party therefore recommends that the decision be approved and that the results of the renegotiations between Cuba and the United States be incorporated in the Cuban Schedule to be annexed to the Torquay Protocol.

(3) Rectifications to the Schedules

The Working Party examined and approved rectifications to the authentic texts of the Geneva Schedules of Ceylon and Indonesia, and to the Annecy Schedules of Ceylon, Indonesia, Finland, Greece, Italy, Sweden and Uruguay.+ The rectifications are incorporated in a draft protocol (Annex B). The Protocol will be prepared for signature at the close of the session.

The Working Party decided that the Protocol should contain only rectifications to the authentic texts of the schedules. Corrections to the non-authentic texts are contained in a Corrigendum (Annex C).

+ (passage to be drafted relating to Haiti).

ANNEX A

Timetable for the Preparation of
Consolidated Schedules and Instructions

1. On 15 January each delegation will advise the Secretariat of the name and address of the officer in its country to whom the consolidated Schedules of the other countries should be sent. The list of these names will be circulated to delegations so that they may forward their Schedules direct to the proper address, and so avoid delay between their receipt in a particular country and reaching the correct branch of government for checking.
2. On 30 April, 1951, or 60 days after the end of the Torquay Negotiations (whichever is the later) each delegation shall dispatch by the quickest route a consolidated list of its Geneva, Maney and Torquay concessions, sending 1 copy to each Contracting Party and Acceding Government and 3 copies to the Secretariat.

The Secretariat should be informed of the date on which copies were dispatched and to whom.

This consolidated list should be made up of all concessions in force at the end of the Torquay Conference or contained in the Torquay Protocol.

Schedules which are authentic in both French and English should be sent in both languages. Schedules which are authentic only in one language need, originally, to be sent only in that language.

These Schedules should contain opposite each item the indication of the country or countries with which the item was negotiated and the place of negotiation. If any government finds it impossible to supply this information to the Secretariat within the time specified above, it is recommended that they do so as soon as possible.

These consolidated Schedules should also contain any rectifications that have not yet been incorporated into a Protocol of Rectifications and which the country concerned has the intention of notifying to the Sixth Session for inclusion in a sixth Protocol of Rectifications. Such rectification should be marked by footnotes.

3. Any remarks, corrections, or objections to the consolidated lists should be communicated to the country concerned and a copy of such communication sent to the Secretariat. These communications should be made no later than the opening date of the Sixth Session.

4. Any remarks, corrections or objections will be considered and settled by a small working party at the beginning of the Sixth Session. Contracting parties should, therefore, include in the membership of their delegations personnel qualified to serve on such a working party.

5. Final texts will then be prepared (new stencils out where necessary), run off and distributed before the end of the Sixth Session for review by the Contracting Parties. It should be noted that these final texts must include the translation into French and English of those schedules which are authentic in only one language. Where a delegation is unable to provide the translation of its own schedule into either English or French, the Secretariat will be glad to make arrangements to have this done. The cost of the translation will be charged to the Delegation concerned. Furthermore, these final lists, which

will be used for photo offset purposes, should not include the indication of the country with which the concessions were negotiated nor the place of negotiation.

6. The Secretariat will arrange the photo offset reproduction of all Schedules immediately after the close of the Sixth Session of the Contracting Parties.

The number of copies printed will depend on the numbers ordered by delegations. Consequently all Contracting Parties and Acceding Governments should give to the Secretariat, no later than the opening date of the Sixth Session, firm orders for the numbers of copies they will require in each language. Delegations will be charged for the copies they order.

Instructions for Production of the Consolidated Text of Schedules

1. There is attached a model form. The layout indicated should be adhered to as strictly as possible. This is the layout for the preliminary distribution for checking purposes, and includes two extra columns, to show the country with which a concession has been negotiated and the Session. The final schedules should not include these two columns and delegations should either produce new stencils or, where re-typing is otherwise unnecessary, roll the old ones, eliminating the extra columns by cutting or use of a frame. Where new stencils are cut the space occupied by these two columns, 4 cm. and 3 cm. respectively, will form the margin.

2. It is hoped that all delegations will use élite (small type) typewriters for cutting their stencils.

3. The first page of each Schedule should be headed as follows:

" SCHEDULE XXXX - (COUNTRY)

"This Schedule is authentic only in the English/French languages

PART I

" Most-Favoured-Nation Tariff, "

The following pages of each Schedule should be headed as follows:

" SCHEDULE XXXX - (COUNTRY)

PART I (continued) "

and the last page

" PART I (concluded) "

4. In cases where a single Schedule covers more than one customs territory, the letters A, B, C, etc. and the name of the territory referred to should be inserted below the name of the country. Thus - "SCHEDULE XXXX - (COUNTRY), A - METROPOLITAN TERRITORY, B - (first separate customs territory), etc.

5. The heading "PART I" should be used in every Schedule, including those of countries which have no preferential tariffs and of those which, having preferential tariffs, have not made concessions affecting them: in either case, PART I should be followed by a separate sheet headed "PART II" with the word "NIL" in the middle of the page.

6. In the French text the word "LISTE" should be used for "SCHEDULE".

7. In the copies for the preliminary distribution, 4 vertical lines should be ruled dividing the columns.

8. The tariff item numbers should be placed close to the line in order to allow the largest margin possible for binding.

9. The commodity description which appears in the centre column should be single spaced, with a double space between the separate tariff items.

10. There is attached a list of abbreviations to be used in the first column and the last column. Where a concession was negotiated with more than one country, or contains numerous items, each negotiated with different countries or in different places, the countries and/or places should simply be listed with no attempt made to specify which was with whom or where.
11. Important. Schedules should be rolled off, at least in their final form, on white paper the size of this document - i.e. foolscap size.
12. Finally, delegations are requested to keep strictly to all four margins and the column sizes provided on the form.

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SCHEDULE XX - PAKISTAN

This Schedule is authentic only in the English language

PART I

Most-favoured-Nation Tariff

Country w. whom concess. negtd.	Pakistan Tariff item number	Description of Products	Rate of Duty	Place
UK	Ex 4	Bacon and Ham, not canned or bottled ...	20 per cent ad val	
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<p><u>Note:</u> These measurements were made using a Gestetner Durotype No. 6 Stencil and are from the outside edge of the stencil.</p>				

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9 cm.
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List of Abbreviations for Use in the
Preliminary Copies of the Consolidated Schedules

Australia	ALA	Liberia	LIB
Austria	ATA	New Zealand	NZ
Benelux	EX	Nicaragua	NIC
Brazil	BR	Norway	NOR
Burma	BU	Pakistan	PAK
Canada	CAN	Peru	PU
Ceylon	CE	Philippines	PH
Chile	CHL	Southern Rhodesia	SR
China	CHN	Sweden	SW
Colombia	COL	Turkey	TY
Cuba	CU	Union of South Africa	SAF
Czechoslovakia	CZ	United Kingdom	UK
Denmark	DEN	United States	US
Dominican Republic	DR	Uruguay	UR
Finland	FIN		
France	FR		
Germany	GY	Geneva	= G
Greece	GR	Annecy	- A
Haiti	HA	Torquay	- T
India	IN		
Indonesia	IDA		
Italy	IT		
Korea	K		
Lebanon/Syria	LS		

