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Communication from the  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Executive Secretary has received the following communication from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization:

"I have the honour to inform you that the General Conference of Unesco has authorized me to seek to secure tariff reductions for educational, scientific and cultural materials, in co-operation with the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Accordingly, I should be most grateful if the Contracting Parties would consider the possibility of such reductions at their Tariff Negotiating Conference opening in Geneva on 18 January 1956.

"I attach a list of materials which I hope may be taken into consideration in the negotiations. The list comprises materials essential to educational advancement and popular enlightenment, and their increased international circulation consequent upon tariff reductions would, I believe, contribute in a practical manner to the joint aims of the Contracting Parties and of Unesco.

"I am encouraged to hope that the Contracting Parties will give this suggestion sympathetic consideration in recalling that the Annecy Conference examined a similar suggestion and concluded that 'it is anticipated that, insofar as possible, Governments will in future negotiations attempt to assist in furthering the objectives sought by Unesco.'" (GATT/TN.1/27)

"I take this opportunity also to recall that the Contracting Parties at their Annecy Conference recommended to Unesco an Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials. It gives me great satisfaction to be able to report that this Agreement is now applied by the following 20 countries:

Belgium	Pakistan
Cambodia	Philippines
Ceylon	Salvador
Cuba	Spain
Egypt	Sweden
France	Switzerland
Haiti	Thailand
Israel	United Kingdom
Laos	Viet-Nam
Monaco	Yugoslavia

"Allow me to express my gratitude for the valuable advice and assistance which Unesco has received from the Contracting Parties in the past and my conviction that the forthcoming Tariff Negotiating Conference will mark another step forward in our joint effort for the removal of trade barriers to knowledge."

ANNEX

MATERIALS SUGGESTED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO  
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE GATT TARIFF NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE  
(GENEVA, JANUARY 1956)

BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRINTING PAPER

1. Books
2. Newspapers
3. Periodicals
4. Tourist posters and tourist literature
5. Manuscripts, typescripts and other duplicated material
6. Newsprint
7. Printing paper

ART AND EXHIBITION MATERIALS

8. Paintings and drawings (original works)
9. Hand-printed impressions
10. Reproductions (by mechanical processes) of paintings, drawings or other works of art
11. Sculpture
12. Antiques
13. Works of art for exhibition (consigned to galleries, museums, etc.)
14. Collections of scientific interest (anatomical, zoological, etc.)

FIIMS AND FILM EQUIPMENT

15. Exposed film (16 and 35 mm)
16. Unexposed film (16 and 35 mm)
17. Filmstrips
18. Microfilm
19. Exposed photographic plates
20. Glass slides
21. Film projectors (16 mm)

RECORDINGS, RADIO AND TV RECEIVERS

22. Sound recordings (classical music, language teaching, etc.)
23. Radio receivers and parts
24. Television receivers and parts

MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

25. Music, printed or in manuscript
26. Musical instruments

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS

- 27. Scientific instruments and apparatus
- 28. School laboratory equipment

MODELS, MAPS AND DESIGNS

- 29. Models (static and moving)
- 30. Maps and charts
- 31. Plans and designs (architectural and industrial)

MATERIALS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

- 32. For the blind
- 33. For the partially sighted
- 34. For the deaf