

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva on
29-30 October 1963

Chairman: Mr. S.Chr. SOMMERFELT (Norway)

- Subjects discussed:
1. Membership
 - (a) Council
 - (b) Committee III
 2. Establishment of a panel - request by the United States and the European Economic Community
 3. Programme of meetings

1. Membership

- (a) The Chairman welcomed Cameroon and Madagascar as members of the Council.
- (b) The Council agreed that Uruguay and Yugoslavia should be added to the membership of Committee III.

2. Establishment of a Panel - request by the United States and the European Economic Community

Communications from the Government of the United States and the European Economic Community, requesting the Council to establish a Panel to give an advisory opinion concerning their dispute on poultry, were received by the Executive Secretary and were notified to contracting parties in GATT/AIR/352.

The Chairman proposed that a Panel be established with the following composition and terms of reference:

Chairman: Mr. E. Wyndham White (Executive Secretary)

Members:

Mr. Nils Montan (Sweden)
Mr. Albert Weitnauer (Switzerland)
Mr. R. Campbell Smith (Canada)
Mr. F.P. Donovan (Australia)

Terms of reference :

"To render an advisory opinion to the two parties concerned in order to determine:

'On the basis of the definition of poultry provided in paragraph number 02.02 of the Common Customs Tariff of the European Economic Community, and on the basis of the rules of and practices under the GATT, the value (expressed in United States dollars) to be ascribed, as of 1 September 1960, in the context of the unbindings concerning this product, to United States exports of poultry to the Federal Republic of Germany'."

This was agreed.

The Executive Secretary, as Chairman of the Panel, indicated that the findings of the Panel would be submitted to the two parties to the dispute, and the contracting parties would be informed.

3. Programme of meetings (C/W/66)

In GATT/AIR/352 the Executive Secretary suggested that the Council take the opportunity to review the programme of meetings for the remainder of 1963, as proposed in C/W/66.

The Council confirmed that the twenty-first session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES should be held in two parts, the first part to be held on 18 and 19 December for the specific purpose of receiving a report from the Trade Negotiations Committee on preparations for the 1964 negotiations. The convening of the first part of the session will therefore be subject to the

possibility of cancellation if the Trade Negotiations Committee at its meeting at the end of November should find that reference of problems in connexion with the trade negotiations to the CONTRACTING PARTIES was unnecessary. If the first part of the session is held as envisaged, a report by the Action Committee will also be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at that time. The second part of the twenty-first session (or the whole of the session if the first part is cancelled) will be held from 24 February to 20 March 1964.

The programme of meetings for November and December, as approved by the Council, has been distributed in GATT/AIR/354.