

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## THE SEVENTH SESSION AND OTHER MEETINGS IN 1952

### Note by the Executive Secretary

The attention of the contracting parties is drawn to the following decisions of the Intersessional Committee at its meeting held on 25/26 February. For details and discussions see GATT/IC/SR.3.

#### 1. The Seventh Session

At their Sixth Session the Contracting Parties decided provisionally upon 5 June 1952 as the opening date of the Seventh Session, subject to review by the Ad Hoc Committee on Intersessional Business at the end of February. After consultation with the International Monetary Fund concerning the conduct of consultations with contracting parties under Article XIV:1 (g), the Committee has decided to convene the Seventh Session on Thursday, 2 October 1952.

According to information received to date the following ten governments expect to initiate consultations with the Contracting Parties under Article XIV:1 (g):

Australia  
Ceylon  
Germany  
Greece  
India

Italy  
New Zealand  
South Africa  
Southern Rhodesia  
United Kingdom.

A definitive list of the consultations cannot be issued until after 15 March, the date by which contracting parties are required to give formal notification of initiation of consultations.

In addition, consultations will be held at the Seventh Session pursuant to Article XII:4 (b) with contracting parties which substantially intensify their balance-of-payment restrictions. The Governments of the United Kingdom and France have been invited to consult under these provisions.

Other items which will require the attention of the Contracting Parties at the Seventh Session are given in an Outline Agenda in GATT/IC/5.

2. Intersessional Committee

Consequent upon the decision on the date of the Seventh Session it has been agreed that the Intersessional Committee will meet on Thursday, 4 September, to consider what matters are likely to arise at the Seventh Session and to examine the adequacy of the documentation available.

3. The Possibility of a Special Session in July

The Intersessional Committee agreed that in certain circumstances a special session should be convened in the latter half of July. The questions envisaged for consideration at such a special session are the reports of the Working Party on the U.S. Import Restrictions on Dairy Products and of the Working Party on the European Coal and Steel Community. The special session will be convened at the request of either of these working parties. In view of this advance notice of the possibility of a special session it has been agreed that the requirement of 21 days' notice for the convening of a session will not be insisted upon on this occasion.