

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO BE HELD IN GENEVA COMMENCING 17 SEPTEMBER 1953

The Ad Hoc Committee on Agenda and Intersessional Business, pursuant to the procedures agreed at the Seventh Session met from 17 to 21 August 1953 to consider what matters were likely to arise at the Eighth Session and to examine the adequacy of documentation available. The following is the Agenda for the Eighth Session proposed by the Committee on the basis of the list of items contained in G/46 and taking into account items proposed by contracting parties in accordance with rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure.

The Eighth Session will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, the first meeting commencing at 3 p.m. on Thursday 17 September. The Intersessional Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on the previous day (Wednesday, 16 September) to consider the Provisional Agenda and to make recommendations to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in the light of the documentation submitted, as to the order of business. An annotated Agenda will be issued at the opening of the Session.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

#### TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS (L/93)

- (a) Article XXVIII (L/108);
- (b) Report by the Working Party on the Reduction of Tariff Levels (L/103);
- (c) The creation of a "Low Tariff Club" (G/46/Add.1 and GATT/IW.2/9);
- (d) Accession of Japan (L/76, L/107 & Corr. 1; and L/109).

#### BALANCE-OF-PAYMENT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

(a) Consultations under Article XIV:1(g)

1953 Consultations with Australia, Ceylon, Italy, New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa and the United Kingdom (L/86);

1952 Consultations with New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia and South Africa (cf. L/51).

(b) Fourth Annual Report on Discrimination.<sup>1</sup>

(c) Procedures for report and consultations under Article XIV:1(g) in 1954.

(d) Consultations under Article XII:4(b)

Consultations with the Netherlands and Pakistan arranged in August 1953 by the Intersessional Committee;

Consultations with Brazil, Chile, Finland, New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa and Sweden initiated at the Seventh Session (cf. L/51).

#### SPECIAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

(a) Report by the Chairman on the operation of the Agreements with Haiti and Indonesia;

(b) Reports and consultations under Article XI of the Agreements.

#### METHODS OF VALUATION FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES (L/81 & Add. 1.)

#### NATIONALITY OF GOODS (L/71 & Add.1)

#### CONSULAR FORMALITIES (L/92)

#### EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY (Report of the Governments of the member States)

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<sup>1</sup> Contracting parties are reminded that delegations should bring with them to the Session their copies of the statements submitted by governments in response to the questionnaire in L/69, which have been distributed by the secretariat during the past months. Each government replying to the questionnaire furnished only a limited number of copies and therefore duplicates cannot be provided during the Session.

ITALY - SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT FOR LIBYAN PRODUCTS

Reports by the Governments of Italy and Libya.

SOUTH AFRICA - SOUTHERN RHODESIA CUSTOMS UNION

Report of the Southern Africa Customs Union Council (L/104).

NICARAGUA - EL SALVADOR FREE-TRADE AREA

Report by the Government of Nicaragua.

UNITED STATES RESTRICTIONS ON DAIRY PRODUCTS

Report by the United States Government.

BRAZILIAN INTERNAL TAXES

Report by the Government of Brazil.

BELGIAN FAMILY ALLOWANCES (Additional complaints by Germany and Italy - L/106)

Report by the Government of Belgium.

GERMANY - TREATMENT OF IMPORTS OF SARDINES

Report by the Governments of Germany and Norway.

GREEK IMPORT TAXES (L/88)

GREEK IMPORT DUTY COEFFICIENTS (G/51)

UNITED STATES DUTY ON DRIED FIGS

Report by the United States and the consulting governments.

UNITED STATES EXPORT SUBSIDY ON SULTANAS

Report by the consulting governments.

UNITED STATES EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON ORANGES AND ALMONDS (Item proposed by Italy)

UNITED STATES IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON FILBERTS (Item proposed by Turkey -  
G/46/Add.3)

FRENCH TAX ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (Item proposed by the United States - L/64)

BRAZILIAN COMPENSATORY CONCESSIONS (Item proposed by the United Kingdom and  
the United States)

BELGIAN DOLLAR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS (Item proposed by Canada and the United  
States)

DIFFICULTIES ARISING OUT OF THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE I (Item proposed by  
the United Kingdom - G/46/Add.2)

TIME-LIMIT FOR APPLICATION OF PART II OF ARTICLE XX (Item proposed by Norway)

GREEK SCHEDULE - ADJUSTMENT OF SPECIFIC DUTIES UNDER ARTICLE II:6 (Item proposed  
by the Greek Government by letter dated  
17 August received on 24 August 1953 - L/113)

CONVENTION ON IMPORTATION OF SAMPLES AND ADVERTISING MATERIAL (cf. G/47/Add.1)

DISCRIMINATION IN TRANSPORT INSURANCE (L/94)

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN OF ICCICA

STATUS OF PROTOCOLS (G/41/Rev.2)

RECTIFICATION OF SCHEDULES (L/85, L/98 and L/100)

RENEWAL OF INTERSESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1953 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1954 (L/105 & Add.1)

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NINTH SESSION

OTHER BUSINESS