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Interim Report by the Working Party

1. The Working Party met between 9 and 13 December 1974 under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Colliander (Sweden). The terms of reference of the Working Party were to examine, in the light of the relevant provisions of the General Agreement, the customs tariff and the regulations on the customs tariff introduced by Romania, and to report to the Council.
2. In reviewing all the replies given by Romania to the questions by the contracting parties (document L/4101), members of the Working Party asked additional questions concerning all the aspects of the characteristics, rôle, and functioning of the Romanian customs tariff.
3. The Romanian delegation gave replies to these additional questions.
4. The members of the Working Party expressed their gratitude for the extensive and detailed manner in which the replies were given. The discussions in the Working Party are reflected in a note by the secretariat.
5. The Working Party noted the reasons for the introduction of the Romanian customs tariff, as presented by Romania. The Working Party also found that the Romanian tariff was non-discriminatory. Several delegations indicated that they needed supplementary time for reflection on some aspects of the rôle of the tariff.
6. The Working Party agreed to reconvene in February 1975 to conclude its work according to the mandate given to it by the Council.