

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND INTERSESSIONAL BUSINESS

Meeting commencing 2 February 1953

AGENDA

1. Accession of Japan

The Intersessional Committee has been asked to consider "the conditions and timing under which the application of Japan should be pursued" and to report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES on "the matters involved in this application". (L/70)

2. Pakistan Licence Fee and Duty on Exports of Jute

The Government of India has referred to the Intersessional Committee the question of discriminatory charges levied by the Government of Pakistan on exports of jute to India. The following statement was adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Seventh Session (SR.7/13) :

"The CONTRACTING PARTIES take note of the complaint by India against Pakistan. The CONTRACTING PARTIES also take note of the fact that certain aspects of this question and certain suggestions with regard to it are still under consideration by the Government of Pakistan. In these circumstances, and having regard to the fact that it would not be possible for the CONTRACTING PARTIES to deal with the substance of the matter in the few days remaining of the present Session, it is agreed that if and when the Indian Government feels it necessary, in the light of the circumstances, and having regard to any consultations which may be proceeding between the two Governments, to ask the CONTRACTING PARTIES to proceed with the discussion of the substance of the complaint, it will be considered by the Intersessional Committee to be established by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to operate between the Seventh and Eighth Sessions. It is also agreed that, if after a reasonable period the Indian Government finds it necessary to proceed to the discussion of the substance of this matter, the necessary steps will be taken for the matter to be considered promptly by the Intersessional Committee, and thereafter, if necessary, by the CONTRACTING PARTIES."

3. Other Business