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# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Intersessional Committee

## SUMMARY RECORD

of the Meeting held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on 16 October 1957 at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman: Sir Claude COREA (Ceylon)

Subjects discussed: 1. Provisional Agenda for the Twelfth Session  
2. Order of Business for the Twelfth Session  
3. Observer Representation  
4. Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES

### 1. Provisional Agenda for the Twelfth Session (L/680/Rev.1)

The CHAIRMAN recalled that the Committee had approved a Provisional Agenda at its meeting in September. However, since that time an item "French discrimination against imported agricultural machinery" had been added at the request of the United Kingdom Government. In addition, an item "Entry into force of the Protocol amending Parts II and III" had been added in view of the entry into force of that Protocol on 7 October. With regard to the item "Examination of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community" the Chairman informed the Committee that the statistical documentation it requested at the September meeting was being prepared by the secretariat and would be available shortly.

In considering the adequacy of documentation available for the Twelfth Session, the Committee heard replies from the representatives of various governments which had not yet submitted relevant papers. From the replies received it was learnt that the required documentation would be available within a few days.

The Committee agreed that the Provisional Agenda as detailed in L/680/Rev.1 be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for approval.

2. Order of Business (IC/W/68)

The representatives of Brazil and Chile stated that they considered the Committee's recommendation concerning the fixing of the closing date of the Session at 30 November should not be conclusive, but allow for some flexibility. Accordingly the Committee agreed to amend their recommendation to take this into account.

The other recommendations of the Committee with respect to the Order of Business for the Session are detailed in Paragraph VII(a) of its Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.\*

3. Observer Representation

The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that requests had been received from the League of Arab States and from the Governments of Poland and Rumania to attend the meetings as observers. Under Rule 9, governments which were invited to the Havana Conference and inter-governmental organizations may be represented on the invitation of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that invitations be issued to the two Governments and to the League.

4. Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (Draft Report IC/W/66).

The CHAIRMAN submitted for approval a Draft Report on the work of the Committee since the Eleventh Session. The draft was amended to take account of the several suggestions made at the meeting.

With respect to the meetings of Ministers commencing on 28 October, the representative of Canada informed the Committee that his Government would be represented. In addition, the representative of Peru said that an official with full powers to act at the ministerial level would attend. The Executive Secretary reported that about twenty contracting parties would be sending Ministers to the ministerial meetings.

The Committee approved the report as amended.\*

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

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\* The Report as amended has been issued in L/708.