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WORKING PARTY 2 ON REDUCTION OF TARIFF LEVELS

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Terms of Reference

- "(a) To consider, in the light of their compatibility with the general principles of the GATT, the proposals submitted in response to the invitation contained in the Resolution of 2 April 1951 and to formulate such recommendations as may be necessary to fit the proposals into the framework of the GATT,
- "(b) to consider the problems that may arise in relation to securing adequate compensation from such other countries as may be likely to benefit from the non-discriminatory extension to them of the arrangements proposed,
- "(c) to review the continuing efficacy of the negotiating procedures, as tested in the conferences held at Geneva, Annecy and Torquay, and to recommend such adjustments or adaptations as may appear desirable and practical to improve the opportunities of countries with relatively low tariffs to negotiate for the reduction of rates by countries with relatively high tariffs, and
- "(d) to examine any proposal concerning procedures likely to result in non-discriminatory reductions of tariff levels in particular the proposal submitted by the French delegation on September 10, 1951."

The following is the program of work drawn up by the Working Party and approved by the Contracting Parties at the Sixth Session:

"To consider the French proposal in its more general aspect, including any question which may arise in respect of compensation from countries not participating in the plan. It was also agreed that the objective of the Working Party should be to elaborate as far as possible the technical aspects of the French plan with a view to facilitating its more thorough consideration by the Contracting Parties at their Seventh Session."