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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

WORKING PARTY 10

FUTURE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

Enquiry concerning the participation of  
the Federal Republic of Germany

FIRST DRAFT

Alternative A

To The Chancellor,  
Federal Republic of Germany,  
Bonn,  
Germany.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are considering the possibility of holding a third set of tariff negotiations commencing on 28th September, 1950, one of the objects of which would be to afford an opportunity to countries which are not yet parties to the Agreement to accede to it. Accordingly an enquiry is being issued to ascertain which governments would be interested in participating in such negotiations with a view to acceding to the General Agreement at it is necessary that the first formalities should take place before the end of this year in order that the negotiations may be organized.

2. For your information and consideration, I am therefore sending you attached a copy of a memorandum (GATT/CP2/26) which formed the basis for the Ancey negotiations for accession to the General Agreement. It is expected that if the Contracting Parties decide in favour of holding further negotiations in September 1950 they will be conducted on broadly the same lines as the Ancey negotiations, and a similar memorandum of procedure will be circulated with the official invitation to participate in the negotiations addressed to those governments which, in response to the enquiry now being issued express their interest in taking part.

3. It would be appreciated therefore, if you would kindly let me know not later than 28th October whether the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany would be interested in acceding to the General Agreement and would be prepared to enter into the necessary tariff negotiations with the contracting parties thereto.

4. A copy of this enquiry is being addressed to the Allied High Commission for Germany.

5. I am at your service to provide any further information you may require.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant.

Executive Secretary.

I.C.I.T.O.

Alternative B

To The Allied High Commission for Germany,  
Bonn,  
Germany.

Sirs,

1. (As in A).

2. (As in A).

3. I have been directed to enquire whether the Federal Republic of Germany would be interested in acceding to the General Agreement and would be prepared to enter into the necessary tariff negotiations with the contracting parties thereto. This enquiry is directed to the Government of the Federal Republic in the belief that authority to enter into such negotiations has been delegated to that Government, and that in the event of accession that Government would have the power to make effective the results of the negotiations and to observe the provisions of the General Agreement. This enquiry is communicated, however through the Allied High Commission in order to facilitate any consultations that may be necessary between the Commission and the Government of the Republic and any further delegation of powers that may be required to enable the Government of the Republic to participate in such negotiations.

4. It would be appreciated if I could have the reply of the Government of the Federal Republic not later than 28th October, and meanwhile I am at your service to provide any further information that may be required.

I have the honour to be Sirs,  
Your obedient servant,

Executive Secretary

I.C.I.T.O.

