

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

WORKING PARTY 10

FUTURE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

Proposed amendments to the Draft Memorandum on Tariff Negotiations
(GATT/CP3/WP10/4.Rev.1)

1. Amendment of page 2.

The following paragraphs are proposed to replace the last paragraph and the footnote on page 2.

"Telegrams are being despatched to all of those countries asking whether they would be interested in participating in tariff negotiations, expected to commence on 28th September, 1950, with a view to acceding to the General Agreement should such negotiations be decided upon. The contracting parties will be informed of the replies received.

"On September a communication was addressed to the Allied High Commission for Germany enquiring whether the Federal Republic of Germany would be interested in acceding to the General Agreement and in entering into negotiations with that end in view. A similar communication was addressed to the Republic of Korea."

2. Amendment of page 6.

(To meet the problems mentioned by the representative of Czechoslovakia in document GATT/CP3/WP10/2/2).

The following paragraph is proposed for insertion after paragraph 1 in Section IV.

"2. It must be recognised that the foreign trade statistics of most countries are not compiled on the basis of their customs tariffs and therefore it cannot be reliably ascertained from the statistics of trade to which customs duties the various statistical items are subject. Consequently, participating Governments will, in some cases, experience difficulty in determining the articles on which to request concessions and in calculating the value of concessions offered. Moreover, the customs tariffs of some countries contain the general, but not the conventional, rates of duty, and the texts of many statistical and customs publications are not available in **any of the well-known languages.** In order to avoid these difficulties, and to assist in the preparations for the negotiations and also in the actual conduct of the negotiations, participating governments are asked to do their best to meet all requests which may be directed to them for additional information relating to their tariffs and statistics."

If the foregoing paragraph is approved for insertion in page 6, the subsequent paragraphs of Section IV would have to be renumbered.

