

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

WORKING PARTY 10

FUTURE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

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

1. Amendment of page 1.

The following footnote is to be added to page 1, relating to the word "Geneva" where it appears in the title:

"(i) The place for the negotiations will be decided at the Fourth Session of the Contracting Parties in February 1950. Geneva is mentioned in this Memorandum as a possible place for the negotiations only because it is the seat of the I.C.I.T.O. Secretariat."

2. Amendment of page 2.

The following paragraphs are to replace the last paragraph and the footnote:

"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 without delay 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 entering into tariff negotiations with a view to acceding to the General Agreement. A communication was addressed also to the Republic of Korea."

3. Amendment of page 6.

The following paragraph is to be inserted after paragraph 1 in Section IV.

"2. It must be recognised that the foreign trade statistics of many 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. (See the proposal of the Delegation of Czechoslovakia in document GATT/CP/ - .)."