

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Proposals by the Executive Secretary

It appears from a review of the work before the Council, as indicated by the provisional agenda, and having in mind the fact that the CONTRACTING PARTIES will be in session during the following week, that the meetings of the Council can be concluded earlier than the date fixed. A number of items will not require substantive discussion. Several other items appear also on the agenda for the session (L/1439 and Add.1-2) and to avoid duplication of discussion consideration of these questions might be left to the CONTRACTING PARTIES unless members of Council wish to undertake a substantive examination; any procedural points could be touched upon when Council reviews the agenda for the session under item 14. The following are the items that might be deferred for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

- Item 2: Balance-of-payments import restrictions
- Item 3: Italian import restrictions
- Item 4: Residual Import Restrictions\*
- Item 7: Subsidies
- Item 12: Report under waivers

As the Government of Nicaragua will not be represented, the Council might postpone consideration of the following item until its meeting in September:

- Item 11: Central American Free Trade Area

If these proposals meet with the approval of Council, the plan of work for the Council meetings might be agreed as follows:

Monday, 8 May:

- Item 1: Adoption of agenda  
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On the following items Council is only required to set up subsidiary bodies with instructions to report directly to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, so as to facilitate their examination at the session:

- Item 8: Article XVIII
- Item 16: Facilities for temporary importation

Tuesday, 9 May, 2.30 p.m.:

- Item 5: Accession of Switzerland
- Item 6: Marketing of butter in the United Kingdom
- Item 9: Commercial policy problems of newly independent States
- Item 15: New Zealand import restrictions

Wednesday, 10 May:

- Item 13: Ministerial meeting
- Item 10: Uruguayan Schedule
- Item 14: Eighteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

Also, at this last meeting, the Council would be given an opportunity to give final approval to the conclusions reached and to any recommendations to be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.