

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS TO THE SEVENTH SESSION

Certain governments and international organizations have requested to be represented at the Seventh Session by observers. The Ad Hoc Committee on Agenda and Intersessional Business, when reviewing the Agenda, considered the question of the admission of such observers and recommends to the Contracting Parties (see IC/SR.4) as follows:

(a) The Government of Japan

The Japanese Government notified the Executive Secretary on 5 August 1952 of its desire to be represented by observers at the Seventh Session. Considering that the Contracting Parties agreed to a similar request at the Sixth Session and having regard to the fact that Japan's application to enter into negotiations for accession will be on the Agenda, the Committee recommends that the Contracting Parties accede to the request of the Government of Japan.

(b) The Government of Libya

The Libyan Government has expressed a desire to be represented during the discussion of the Italian Government's request for a waiver to continue the special customs treatment for Libyan goods, so that its views may be expressed and any additional information provided that may be of assistance to the Contracting Parties. At the September meeting of the Committee it was suggested that it would be appropriate for the Government of Libya to be given an opportunity to state its views.

(c) The Council of Europe

The Council of Europe has suggested that the Working Party on the Reduction of Tariff Levels should examine a Recommendation of its Consultative Assembly on "A Common Policy for Lowering Tariff Barriers in Europe", and has requested to be represented by an observer at any meeting of the Contracting Parties at which its Recommendation is to be discussed. The Committee recommends that the Contracting Parties invite the Council of Europe to be represented by an observer at the Seventh Session when this matter is discussed.

(d) The High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community

The Committee recommends that the Contracting Parties invite the High Authority to be represented by an observer at the Seventh Session when questions relating to the European Coal and Steel Community Treaty are considered.

(e) The International Chamber of Commerce

Since the Contracting Parties will examine the Draft Convention on Samples and Advertising Materials, on which the International Chamber of Commerce has submitted comments, and the Resolutions of Valuation, etc., which were also submitted by the Chamber, the Committee recommends that it would be appropriate for the Working Party dealing with these subjects to hear an explanation of them from the Chamber's representatives and for the Working Party to consult with the Chamber's representatives insofar as this would facilitate their discussions of these matters.