

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTINUING ADMINISTRATION
OF THE AGREEMENT
ADDENDUM
I
Intersessional Procedures

The CONTRACTING PARTIES decide to establish the following intersessional procedures to operate between the Seventh and Eighth Sessions:

1. There is established an Ad Hoc Committee for Agenda and Intersessional Business with the functions and responsibilities described in the report of the Working Party on the Continuing Administration of the Agreement, adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Sixth Session (GATT/CP.6/41, Basic Instruments, Volume II, page 206/8) and in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of the Intersessional Procedures adopted for operation between the Sixth and Seventh Sessions, Basic Instruments, Vol. I, p.102. References in those documents to the Sixth and Seventh Sessions shall be amended to read Seventh and Eighth Sessions respectively.
2. The composition of the Committee shall be the same as that of the Committee which operated in the interval between the Sixth and Seventh Sessions* except that it shall be open to any member of the Committee who wishes to do so to withdraw. Any member wishing thus to withdraw from membership should so notify the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES not later than the end of the Seventh Session so that another contracting party may be appointed to fill the vacancy.
3. Any contracting party which agrees to accept membership of the Intersessional Committee will make available for its meetings representatives familiar with the operation and subject matter of the General Agreement.
4. Add to the first paragraph of Section (a) of the Intersessional Procedures referred to above, the following sentence:

"The Committee will also deal with any matters expressly referred to it for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Seventh Session."

* The members were as follows: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, Netherlands, Pakistan, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom, and United States of America.

5. Add to Section (a) of the Intersessional Procedures, the following paragraph:

"The Intersessional Committee may itself deal with any of the matters referred to in the first paragraph above without establishing a separate Working Party. In that case, however, it shall co-opt as full member or members, any contracting party or parties claiming an interest in the matter and wishing to be represented."

6. Where the Committee finds itself called upon to consider questions of interpretation of the General Agreement, which it feels are too important to be resolved by the Committee itself, it may nevertheless examine such problems of interpretation and draw up such detailed reports as would facilitate their subsequent discussion in the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

7. Where it appears to the Committee in its examination of matters submitted for the Agenda of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, that some preparatory work by the Committee would facilitate and expedite the discussion of any matter by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the Committee shall undertake such preparatory work or give appropriate instructions to the secretariat.

8. The Committee is empowered to establish and convene in advance of the Eighth Session, Working Parties on matters of a complex technical character which have been carried over from the Agenda of the Seventh Session. In making decisions on this point, the Committee should have regard to the convenience of contracting parties and difficulties which may be involved for them in providing appropriate representation.

9. When disputes or differences are referred to the Intersessional Committee, the recommendations of the Committee shall be submitted for consideration and approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES either at the Eighth Session, or at a special session or by postal or telegraphic ballot in accordance with the rules of procedure. If, however, the interested parties agree to accept the findings of the Committee without reference to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the recommendations, as recommendations of the Committee, may be addressed directly to the interested parties, and concurrently reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

10. Except as hereby modified, the Intersessional Procedures adopted at the Seventh Session shall operate between the Seventh and Eighth Sessions.

II

Other recommendations for facilitating and expediting the
work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

1. Contracting parties are reminded of the importance of submitting items for the Agenda of the Eighth Session in good time in accordance with the rules of procedure, as well as providing supporting documentation, so far as possible, in advance of the Session.
2. Where satisfactory arrangements for liaison with the secretariat have not yet been made, the contracting parties concerned should take the necessary steps to establish such arrangements.