

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

**GATT**  
RESTRICTED

DIVISION <sup>LN. 56/C/3</sup> STATIQUE  
25 May 1956

COPIES <sup>Special Distribution</sup> ~~PROHIBES~~  
NE PAS DÉCOUPER

1956 TARIFF CONFERENCE

Tariff Negotiations Committee

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTH MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on Thursday, 3 May 1956, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. P. Koht (Norway)

Subjects discussed:      1. Progress of negotiations  
                                 2. Review of the negotiations  
                                 3. Security regulations

### 1. Progress of negotiations

The Committee examined the situation with regard to negotiations which had not yet been completed. It appeared that the outstanding negotiations were approaching their conclusion and that the remaining bilateral negotiations were likely to be concluded and the results initialled by the end of the week.

Mr. VAN WIJK (Netherlands) referred to the suggestion which the Benelux delegations had made to a number of others involving multilateral negotiation of two products. Germany and France had already indicated that they were willing to enter into such negotiations. Canada had given a negative reply and others had not yet made their attitude known.

Mr. MONTAN (Sweden) said that his Government was willing to take part in these negotiations.

Mr. FERIESCH (Italy) regretted that it was not possible for him to give a favourable answer because the exercise proposed would not provide compensation to Italy for any reductions she might make.

### 2. Review of the negotiations

The Chairman recalled that paragraph 7(b) of the Rules and Procedures of the Conference provided for a review of offers "in the final phase of the negotiations" and asked the Committee whether it felt that the time had come to carry out the review.

In the discussion that followed the proposal of the representative of Denmark that the Committee should endeavour to pass judgment on the results of the negotiations in the form of an agreed conclusion, was not accepted. It was decided that representatives could make statements which would serve as a basis for the discussion of future proceedings at the next session.

3. Security regulations

The Executive Secretary drew attention to the security regulations which were in force for the conference (TN.56/INF/4). So far there had been satisfactory co-operation from all delegations; but since the move from the Palais des Nations to the Villa "les Ormeaux" it appeared that compliance with security regulations had been somewhat relaxed. Some delegation members were not wearing their GATT badges or showing their admission cards. It was essential that the rules should be observed, and the heads of delegations were asked to give strict orders to their staffs.

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.