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## TIME TABLE FOR THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

The Tariff Negotiations Working Party examined the following suggestions made by the secretariat for the timing of the final stages of the Conference. Although several representatives made reservations on certain of the procedures indicated in this time-table there was general acceptance of the dates as targets.

- 31 March Completion of all bilateral negotiations and distribution by the secretariat of initialled bilateral lists of concessions.
- 6 April The Tariff Negotiations Committee will proceed to review the results of bilateral negotiations and make such arrangements as may be necessary for multilateral negotiations.
- 9-14 April Multilateral negotiations.
- 17 April Meeting of the Tariff Negotiations Committee, if necessary, to examine the results of the multilateral negotiations.
- 21 April Latest date for the submission of forty copies of a preliminary list consolidating the concessions contained in bilateral lists and those resulting from any multilateral negotiations. Delegations will receive one copy of each consolidated list and will be given from 4 to 7 days for checking errors and settling doubtful points. When this period has elapsed, the delegation whose list has been circulated will - if necessary - correct its stencils and submit to the secretariat its list in final form. (The number of copies to be submitted will depend on the requirements of the other delegations and will be ascertained at a later stage.)
- 19 May The secretariat will prepare the Protocol and annexed schedules embodying the results of the negotiations.
- 23 May Final meeting of the conference to open the Protocol for signature. (Delegations will recall statements made in the Tariff Negotiations Committee indicating the importance of signature being affixed by 31 May.)
- Before  
31 May Simultaneous publication by participating countries and the secretariat of the results of the negotiations. It is important to recall that by this date translations of the schedules will have to be submitted to the secretariat in an adequate number of copies for distribution to the press.