

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## REVIEW OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

### Arrangements made by the Intersessional Committee

The arrangements for the Review of the Agreement (item 3 on the advance agenda for the Ninth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, G/82), were discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Agenda and Intersessional Business at its meeting in Geneva from 26 July to 3 August (IC/SR.14 and 16). It was decided that the Ninth Session would begin on Thursday, 28 October 1954 and that the Review of the Agreement would be discussed in plenary meetings commencing on Monday, 8 November. The plenary discussion on the review will take place regardless of the stage reached on other items on the agenda and will proceed without interruption.

Some contracting parties have indicated that their delegations to the Ninth Session will be led by Ministers. In view of the importance of the subjects to be discussed the Committee thought it probable that some other contracting parties also will wish their delegations to be led by Ministers and agreed that the most appropriate time for such ministerial leaders to be present would be during the plenary meetings on the Review of the Agreement commencing 8 November.

In the Decision of the Eighth Session arranging for the Review, contracting parties were invited to submit written proposals if possible not later than 1 July 1954. It was not possible for governments to keep to this timetable and thus far no proposals have been received. Therefore the Committee fixed a new date - 25 September - by which proposals and suggestions for the Review should be submitted to the Executive Secretary who will send copies as soon as possible by airmail to other contracting parties. To facilitate this distribution contracting parties are asked to send three copies of submissions. Some contracting parties indicated that they would have special difficulties in submitting their proposals by the date fixed but agreed that they would forward them to reach Geneva by 25 October.