

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

At the close of the Seventh Session the CONTRACTING PARTIES made arrangements for dealing with urgent matters which may arise between the Seventh and Eighth Sessions. The membership and terms of reference of the intersessional bodies are set out below:

I. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND INTERSESSIONAL BUSINESS

Membership

Chairman: The Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

Australia
Belgium *
Brazil
Canada
Chile

Cuba
Denmark
France
Germany
India

Italy
Pakistan
Union of South Africa
United Kingdom
United States

Functions

(a) Urgent intersessional business: The Committee is to meet as necessary to consider urgent matters arising between the Seventh and Eighth Sessions and not foreseen by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Seventh Session, which (i) a contracting party (or parties) raising the matter requests be so dealt with, or (ii) which require prima facie to be dealt with in accordance with the intersessional procedures.

(b) Preparation of Agenda of the Eighth Session: The Committee is to meet four to six weeks before the opening of the Eighth Session to consider what matters are likely to arise at that Session and examine the adequacy of the documentation available. It is to meet also at, or shortly before, the opening of the Eighth Session to consider the provisional agenda and make recommendations to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, in the light of the documentation submitted, as to the order of business.

Procedures

The general procedures and other considerations relevant to the working of the Committee are set out in GATT/CP.6/41 (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Volume II, pages 205-209) as modified by L/52/Add.1.

The procedures for dealing with matters relating to Articles XII to XIV are set out in GATT/CP.6/52 (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Volume II, pages 101-103) as modified by L/55.

* The Government of the Netherlands has withdrawn from the Committee, and the Chairman has nominated the Government of Belgium as replacement.

The summary of intersessional procedures given on pages 102-103 of Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Volume I, should be amended by reference to L/52/Add.1 and L/55.

II. INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY ON MATTERS ARISING UNDER ARTICLE XVIII

Membership

Chairman: Mr. C.L.Hewitt

Australia	Denmark	Netherlands	Turkey
Canada	France	Pakistan	United Kingdom
Cuba	India	Peru	United States

Terms of Reference

To consider any applications for new measures submitted under Article XVIII by contracting parties between sessions and to make recommendations thereon to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Procedures

The Working Party was first appointed at the Third Session. The procedures and other considerations relevant to its work are set forth in Section H of GATT/CP.3/60/Rev.1 (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Volume II, pages 54-61).

III. INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY ON THE REDUCTION OF TARIFF LEVELS

Membership

Chairman: Dr. P.R. Botha

Australia	Denmark	Netherlands
Belgium	France	South Africa
Brazil	Germany	Sweden
Canada	India	United Kingdom
Cuba	Italy	United States

Terms of Reference

- (a) To consider, in the light of their compatibility with the general principles of the GATT, the proposals submitted in response to the invitation contained in the Resolution of 2 April 1951 and to formulate such recommendations as may be necessary to fit the proposals into the framework of the GATT,

- (b) to consider the problems that may arise in relation to securing adequate compensation from such other countries as may be likely to benefit from the non-discriminatory extension to them of the arrangements proposed,
- (c) to review the continuing efficacy of the negotiating procedures, as tested in the conferences held at Geneva, Annecy and Torquay, and to recommend such adjustments or adaptations as may appear desirable and practical to improve the opportunities of countries with relatively low tariffs to negotiate for the reduction of rates by countries with relatively high tariffs, and
- (d) to examine any proposal concerning procedures likely to result in non-discriminatory reductions of tariff levels, in particular the proposals submitted by the French Delegation on 19 September 1951 and 8 November 1952.