

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## CONTRACTING PARTIES

### INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY ON THE DISPARITY OF EUROPEAN TARIFFS

#### Resolution adopted by the Contracting Parties

At the Special Session on 2 April 1951, the Contracting Parties adopted a resolution (GATT/CPS/5 & SR.4) establishing an Intersessional Working Party and inviting the governments of Austria, Belgo-Luxemburg Economic Union, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United States of America to submit, "considered proposals for multilateral or other procedures designed to achieve on a non-discriminatory basis a reduction of disparities in the tariffs of the European countries concerned, taking into account to the extent necessary the disparities in the economic and social structure of the different countries."

#### Terms of Reference of the Working Party

- a) To consider, in the light of their compatibility with the general principles of the G.A.T.T., 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 G.A.T.T.
- 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.
- d) To report no later than 17 August 1951
  - i) its findings in respect of a) and b) above, and
  - ii) progress on c) above.

#### Membership of the Working Party

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