

GATT/AIR/233

11 APRIL 1961

SUBJECT: EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, 15-19 MAY 1961  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, 8-12 MAY 1961

THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES (GATT/AIR/230) HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ACCORDINGLY THE PROGRAMME FOR MEETINGS IN MAY NOW STAND AS FOLLOWS:

1. COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS AND COMMITTEE II

PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS, WHICH BEGIN ON 17 APRIL, AND FOR THE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE II, WHICH BEGIN ON 24 APRIL, TO CONTINUE AS NECESSARY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.

2. COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION, APPROVED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS FROM 8 TO 12 MAY, BEGINNING AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 8 MAY. THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE ISSUED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ADVISE THE NAMES OF ANY ADVISERS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THEM AT THIS MEETING. CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS, NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, ARE INVITED TO SEND OBSERVERS AND IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THEY WOULD INFORM ME OF THE NAMES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES THEY PROPOSE TO SEND.

3. EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL AS APPROVED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION WILL BEGIN ON 15 MAY, INSTEAD OF ON 1 MAY AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, AND WILL CLOSE ON 19 MAY. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SESSION WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 15 MAY. THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION WILL BE ISSUED THIS WEEK IN DOCUMENT L/1439.

4. DELEGATION OFFICES

IN RESPONSE TO GATT/AIR/220 OF 9 FEBRUARY 1961, A NUMBER OF CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVE RESERVED OFFICE SPACE IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION WHICH WAS THEN EXPECTED TO BE HELD FROM 1 TO 20 MAY. IN VIEW OF THE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR THESE THREE WEEKS, AS ANNOUNCED ABOVE, GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER THE RESERVATIONS THEY HAVE MADE, BEARING IN MIND THAT PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SPACE RESERVED WHETHER OR NOT THE OFFICES ARE OCCUPIED. UNLESS ADVICE IS RECEIVED BY 25 APRIL, IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT GOVERNMENTS DO NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY CHANGE IN THEIR RESERVATIONS.

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