

GATT/AIR/81

20 DECEMBER 1955

SUBJECT: 1956 TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS - HOTEL ACCOMODATION

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS ARE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN BOOKING HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR THEIR DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE 1956 TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO LAST FROM 18 JANUARY TO 1 MAY 1956. IT APPEARS THAT THE DIFFICULTIES RELATE PARTICULARLY TO THE PERIOD BETWEEN 8 AND 18 MARCH 1956 WHEN THE MOTOR SHOW IS TAKING PLACE IN GENEVA AND FOR WHICH LOCAL HOTELS HAVE BOOKINGS OF LONG STANDING.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING I SHOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BOOKED HOTEL ROOMS FOR THEIR DELEGATIONS SHOULD DO SO WITHOUT DELAY. SHOULD ANY DIFFICULTIES ARISE EITHER FOR THE PERIOD MENTIONED ABOVE OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON, GOVERNMENTS ARE ADVISED TO INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY STATING THEIR PROBLEMS SO THAT I CAN LOOK INTO THE MATTER BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE TARIFF CONFERENCE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF GOVERNMENTS I WOULD MENTION THAT THE FOLLOWING HOTELS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY STILL HAVE SOME AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION:

HOTEL METROPOLE - GRAND QUAI 34, GENEVA  
HOTEL MODERNE - RUE DE BERNE 1, GENEVA.

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