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1960-61 TARIFF CONFERENCE  
Tariff Negotiations Committee

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on Wednesday, 7 December 1960 at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. E. WYNDHAM WHITE

- Subjects discussed:
1. Examination of the EEC common tariff under Article XXIV:5(a)
    - (a) Appointment of Working Party
    - (b) Time-table of meetings of the Working Party
  2. Start of "Dillon" round

1. Examination of the EEC common tariff under Article XXIV:5(a) (TN.60/SR.5, TN.60/6, L/1377)

(a) Appointment of Working Party

The Tariff Negotiations Committee decided to appoint a Working Party with the following terms of reference:

"To examine the common tariff of the European Economic Community in the light of the provisions of paragraph 5(a) of Article XXIV and to report to the Tariff Negotiations Committee"

and composed of representatives of:

Belgium	Luxemburg
Brazil	Netherlands
Canada	Nigeria
France	Sweden
Germany	Switzerland
India	United Kingdom
Israel	United States
Italy	Commission of the EEC
Japan	

The Working Party would elect a chairman from its own members.

There was some discussion of the terms of reference as to whether the examination should be limited only to the common tariff and not to "other regulations of commerce" as well. Some delegations pointed out that paragraph 5(a) had a wider scope than was covered by the proposed terms of reference. It was pointed out however that the Tariff Negotiations Committee could not go beyond the terms of reference it had received from the CONTRACTING PARTIES which had specifically limited the exercise to the examination of the common tariff by requesting the Tariff Negotiations Committee "to carry out the actual examination of the common tariff pursuant to Article XXIV:5(a) and to report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES" (proposal in L/1377 agreed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the eleventh meeting of their seventeenth session). Several members of the Working Party wished to make it perfectly clear that in agreeing to these limited terms of reference for the present exercise they were not agreeing that the CONTRACTING PARTIES had exhausted the examination of the Rome Treaty in the light of all the requirements of paragraph 5(a). The Chairman pointed out that the present exercise was clearly confined to one of the elements of paragraph 5(a) of Article XXIV and that it was clear that this in no way prejudiced or limited the possibilities and the rights of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to consider the other elements of paragraph 5(a) pursuant to paragraph 7 of Article XXIV.

(b) Time-table of meetings of the Working Party

It was agreed that the Working Party would hold its first meeting on 20 December 1960. At this meeting the Working Party would elect its chairman; discuss procedures and plan its work; allow members to give notice of any particular points they want to raise in the course of this exercise; and to put any questions which they would like the Community to answer.

No date was fixed for the second meeting of the Working Party. Suggestions were made that this meeting should not take place before the last ten days of January and that the date be discussed by the Working Party at its first meeting.

2. Start of "Dillon" round (TN.60/SR.5, TN.60/W.6, 7 and 8)

It was agreed to retain for planning purposes the date of 6 February 1961 for the start of the "Dillon" round. This date would be reviewed at a meeting of the Tariff Negotiations Committee on 9 January 1961.

The Chairman referred to the exchange of lists of requests and suggested that all governments which have received request lists should, if they have not already done so, submit their own request, or give some response, as soon as possible.