

these sessions can be made shorter and more efficient. Only in this way will it be possible to obtain the attendance of responsible and senior representatives from the participating countries.

I am sure that other delegations have come here with important problems. It is to be hoped that satisfactory solutions can be found for all of these, to enable the GATT to move forward to its future tasks. The achievements to date are unprecedented, in bringing together into a common agreement all of the countries which are important to world trade and in reducing the incidence of tariffs and trade restrictions. My delegation has come here prepared to support all measures which will strengthen this organization and help to maintain the substance of its accomplishments. On the other hand, we do not think it wise at this time to entertain proposals for expanding the activities of the Contracting Parties into new fields. The task of the Contracting Parties is already well defined and important in the field of tariffs and related trade controls. It would be unwise to endanger the whole structure by too wide a diversification of our efforts.

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