

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES  
Third Special Session

## SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING

At the Level of Heads of Delegations  
Held in the Centre William Rappard  
on 28 April 1980 at 3 p.m.

Chairman: H.E. Mr. E. NEPTEL (Austria)

The CHAIRMAN said that this Third Special Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES had been convened, at the level of Heads of Delegations, to consider the question of the appointment of the future Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT upon the retirement of Mr. Long, the Director-General, whose term of office is due to expire on 5 May 1980. The Chairman recalled that at a meeting of the Council of Representatives at the level of Heads of Delegations, held on 2 April 1980, the Council had recommended to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that Mr. Long should be replaced by Ambassador A. Dunkel (Switzerland) as the new Director-General (C/M/140). He now submitted this recommendation to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES approved the appointment of Ambassador Dunkel as the new Director-General by acclamation.

The Chairman said that on the basis of consultations with Mr. Dunkel, it was his understanding that the Swiss Government would be in a position to spare the services of Mr. Dunkel as of 1 October 1980. He, therefore, proposed that the CONTRACTING PARTIES agree to make Mr. Dunkel's appointment effective as of 1 October 1980.

This was agreed.

As regards the specific terms of Mr. Dunkel's appointment, the Chairman proposed that these should be discussed with Mr. Dunkel, in consultation with contracting parties, so as to enable the Council to take a formal decision in this regard in due course. As Mr. Dunkel would only be available as of 1 October 1980, arrangements would have to be made for the transfer, as the tenure of appointment of Mr. Long was to expire on 5 May 1980. The Chairman believed that it would be clearly in the interest of the organization if Mr. Long would remain in his functions until the time of arrival of his successor.

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At the meeting of the Council, the Director-General had indicated his readiness to stay on for a short period of time in order to facilitate the transfer. The Chairman said that it was his understanding that the Director-General would be prepared to continue his functions until 30 September 1980, so as to allow for a smooth transfer to his successor, if this were agreeable to the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that the tenure of appointment of the Director-General be extended until 30 September 1980, inclusive.

The Third Special Session closed at 3.30 p.m.