

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

C/M/111
22 December 1975

Limited Distribution

COUNCIL
15 December 1975

MINUTES OF MEETING

At the Level of Heads of Delegation

Held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva
on 15 December 1975

Chairman: Mr. G. ALVARES MACIEL (Brazil)

Subject: Appointment of two Deputy Directors-General

The Director-General recalled that the Council at its meeting of 28 June 1973 had agreed to the reclassification of one D.2 post to the level of Deputy Director-General, to be effective for a period of three years. The basic reason for this decision had been the need to strengthen the operational management of the secretariat during the multilateral trade negotiations. The Council was undoubtedly aware that there had been a certain slippage in the timing of the negotiations. Consequently, the provision for the operational strengthening should be adapted to the circumstances by extending, as proposed in document INT(75)60, the validity of the decision of 28 June 1973 by a further period of two years, i.e. until 30 June 1978.

The representative of Indonesia pointed out that the present target date for terminating the multilateral negotiations was 31 December 1977. He enquired, therefore, whether an extension until 30 June 1978 was necessary.

The Director-General stated that when the decision was taken in June 1973 this was done on the assumption that the negotiations would be finished by the end of 1975. As the negotiations were likely to be prolonged by a further two years the same period of extension appeared appropriate for the proposed arrangement. From past experience it was evident that when negotiations of this magnitude were formally finished some time was still needed for the conclusion of the necessary formalities. A margin of six months was considered realistic for this purpose.

./.

The representative of Pakistan stated that the experience of the past two-and-a-half years had shown the wisdom of the Council decision, which enabled two senior officers at the level of Deputy Director-General to collaborate in the trade negotiations. Even if the negotiations were to conclude by the end of 1977 a certain follow-up would still be necessary. He considered it advisable, therefore, to extend the present arrangement as proposed by two years.

The representative of Turkey also supported an extension of two years.

The Council agreed, as proposed in document INT(75)60, that the reclassified D.2 post should continue to be graded at Deputy Director-General level for a further two-year period.