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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

Revision of Common Salary Scales for Professional Category Staff and above

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The CONTRACTING PARTIES will have noted from paragraph 2 of document L/1578 that I intended to request their authority to implement the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, which was annexed to the above-mentioned document, in the light of the decisions taken by the United Nations General Assembly.
2. I have now been informed that these proposals have been adopted by the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly with the exception of the proposal on minus differentials, where the Committee decided that such differentials should be retained in low-cost areas.
3. Subject to the usual confirmation of the Fifth Committee's decisions by the plenary session of the General Assembly, the consequential changes will be implemented in the United Nations on 1 January 1962. The specialized agencies are taking action so as to implement the changes as from the same date.
4. The Executive Secretary therefore recommends that the CONTRACTING PARTIES authorize him when final confirmation is received of the United Nations General Assembly's approval of the Fifth Committee's decisions to apply the corresponding scales to GATT staff as from 1 January 1962.
5. The Executive Secretary further recommends that the CONTRACTING PARTIES approve the upward revision of the 1962 estimates of expenditure by US\$60,000, as proposed by the Budget Working Party in paragraph 12 of their report (document L/1562) and approved by the Council.
6. If the CONTRACTING PARTIES accept these proposals the scale of contributions indicated in the third column of Annex C to document L/1562 would apply, on the assumption that no contribution would be paid by Ireland during 1962.

Points for decision: paragraph 4, paragraph 5.