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Classification of Geneva for Purpose of Post Adjustment Applicable to Staff in the Professional Category

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. In paragraph 7 of document L/1644 the Executive Secretary informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their nineteenth session that, as regards 1962, the proposed new scales of salaries and post adjustments for professional staff and above would have the effect of reducing the figures for the special post adjustment index to 100/110ths of their level under the current system. This would represent a figure of 105.2 for the nine months ending September 1961 under the new system and would put Geneva automatically in class 1 on 1 January 1962. However, the Executive Secretary did not wish to seek authority for automatic implementation of class 1 until the year 1961 had ended, and advised the CONTRACTING PARTIES that, depending on the movement of the special index during the last months of 1961, and after consultation with the United Nations and the executive heads of the Geneva-based organizations, he would make the necessary proposals to the Council at an early session in 1962.
2. Meanwhile the special index has continued its upward movement. The United Nations and the Geneva-based specialized agencies therefore decided to apply the class 1 post adjustment effective 1 January 1962.
3. The Executive Secretary, in accordance with the accepted policy concerning the application of the common system of salaries and allowances, proposes to apply class 1 to GATT staff as of the same date.
4. The Executive Secretary further proposes that the additional cost to the 1962 budget amounting to \$17,000.- be absorbed out of savings or through transfer between budget items. In the event that this should prove impossible, the Executive Secretary proposes to have recourse to the Working Capital Fund, subject to the usual procedure for reimbursement.

Points for decision: paragraph 3,
paragrap. 4.

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