

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

### Deviation from the United Nations Staff Rules

1. In accordance with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES whereby the Director-General is required to report deviations from the application of the United Nations Staff Rules involving financial commitments, the Director-General wishes to report the following matter.
2. On 17 February 1967 a P.5 staff member was authorized to take special leave in order to serve for a period of approximately two-and-a-half years in a senior position with the Government of his own country. His level on commencement of special leave was step 2 of P.5. On termination of his period of service with the Government, the staff member was reappointed on 13 October 1969 at step 4 of the P.5 grade.
3. The United Nations Staff Rules provide for the reappointment of a staff member after special leave at the same step and grade as at the commencement of special leave. However, in this case, in view of the additional experience and responsibility that the staff member had acquired during the period of his service with the Government, it has been considered opportune, as a special exception to the Staff Rules, to reappoint the staff member at the step and grade that he would have achieved had his service with the secretariat been unbroken.
4. The financial implications of the decision are negligible.

Submitted for information.