

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

### Financial Position as at 30 September 1970

#### Note by the Director-General

1. The Director-General herewith reports on the status of budgetary expenditure and budgetary income over the first nine months of 1970 of the GATT (Part A) and the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT (Part B). The report further contains information as at 30 September 1970 on the position of accounts receivable and the Working Capital Fund.

2. The final position for the financial year 1970 regarding any appropriations of savings, transfers of credits between sections of the budget or advances from the Working Capital Fund will be reported as soon as possible after the closure of the financial year.

#### A. GATT

##### I. BUDGETARY EXPENDITURE

3. The appropriations for 1970 were authorized by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at \$3,678,000.

4. Disbursements up to 30 September 1970 amounted to \$2,688,684.

5. Total 1970 budgetary expenditure as at 31 December 1970 is estimated at \$3,611,000. On the basis of this estimation it is anticipated that the financial year will close with a surplus of approximately \$67,000 on the expenditure budget. The estimated surplus is mainly due to the non-utilization of the credit of \$50,000 for unforeseen expenditure and the expected savings on the items for established posts, common staff cost, travel and printing.

##### II. BUDGETARY INCOME

6. Income received up to the end of September 1970 amounted to 94.76 per cent of the income budget. The corresponding figure was 95.08 per cent in 1969.

	Income budget for 1970 US\$	Receipts up to 30.9.1970 US\$	%
Contributions for 1970 assessed on contracting parties	3,478,000	3,306,101	95.05
Miscellaneous income	108,405	87,658	80.86
Transfer from the Surplus Account	91,595	91,595	100.00
	3,678,000	3,485,354	94.76

7. Miscellaneous income for 1970 is now estimated at \$142,000. The estimated excess income is mainly due to increased income from investments as a consequence of high interest rates obtained in 1970 on short-term investments.

### III. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

8. Contributions due by contracting parties as at 30 September 1970 are shown in the following table:

	1963/1966 US\$	1967 US\$	1968 US\$	1969 US\$	1970 US\$	Total US\$
Argentina					2,956	2,956
Burundi					4,170	4,170
Cambodia				3,810	4,170	7,980
Central African Republic					4,110	4,110
Chad				3,810	4,170	7,980
Chile					14,960	14,960
Congo (Brazzaville)				46	4,170	4,216
Dahomey				46	4,170	4,216
Dominican Republic	(1964) 15 (1965) 8,740 (1966) 11,640					
	20,395	9,000	3,790	3,810	4,170	41,165
Haiti	(1963) 2,492 (1964) 2,500 (1965) 2,500 (1966) 2,500					
	9,992	3,000	3,790	3,810	4,170	24,762

	1963/1966 US\$	1967 US\$	1968 US\$	1969 US\$	1970 US\$	Total US\$
Ireland					16,700	16,700
Italy					16,338	16,338
Mauritania				84	4,170	4,254
Nicaragua			3,015	3,810	4,170	10,995
Peru	(1966) 134	15,000	13,580	13,330	14,260	56,304
Rhodesia	(1966) 11,640	9,000	6,630	5,710	5,220	38,200
Rwanda				3,790	4,170	7,960
Senegal				3,810	4,170	7,980
Spain					44,870	44,870
Tanzania					40	40
Togo					1,530	1,530
Upper Volta		466	3,790	3,810	4,170	12,236
Uruguay					875	875
	42,161	36,466	34,595	49,676	171,899	334,797

9. The following contributions have been received by the secretariat since 30 September 1970: \$8,755 from Dominican Republic, \$16,700 from Ireland, \$14,350 from Peru, \$4,187 from Senegal and \$40 from Tanzania. The following Governments have advised the secretariat that their contributions will be remitted shortly: Burundi, Central African Republic and Congo (Brazzaville).

10. Miscellaneous accounts receivable as at 30 September 1970 amounted to \$28,524, representing advances to staff members on education grants (\$17,079), on salaries (\$1,819) and on travel subsistence allowances (\$1,349). It also includes recoverable Swiss Federal taxes (\$472) and outstanding invoices in respect of sales of publications and services rendered (\$7,805).

#### IV. WORKING CAPITAL FUND

11. At 30 September 1970 the principal of the Working Capital Fund stood at \$358,875.

12. The following advances assessed on contracting parties were outstanding at 30 September 1970: Haiti - \$15; Rhodesia - \$364.

B. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE UNCTAD/GATTI. BUDGETARY EXPENDITURE

13. The appropriations for 1970 were originally authorized by the United Nations General Assembly and by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at \$1,307,000. In addition, the United Nations General Assembly authorized supplementary funds of \$23,000 in order to cover the cost of the revision of salary scales, family allowance and languages allowance for the general service category staff, and a change in the Geneva post adjustment classification for professional staff. Appropriations thus totalled \$1,330,000 of which \$150,000 were included under Part III (overhead costs relating to extra-budgetary projects). In accordance with paragraph 12 of document L/3289 (Report of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration of 8 December 1969), it is understood that, in view of the contingent nature of the estimates under overheads, which are dependent upon the level of the extra-budgetary projects under execution, the expenditure under Part III is limited by the actual receipts of overhead contributions.

14. Disbursements up to 30 September 1970 amounted to \$890,568, which include \$110,862 under Part III of the budget.

15. Total 1970 budgetary expenditure, including Part III, as at 31 December 1970 is estimated at \$1,308,000. Expenditure under Part III will be kept at the level of \$128,000 in view of an expected shortfall in 1970 of \$22,000 on income for overhead costs (see paragraph 18).

II. BUDGETARY INCOME

16. 1970 contributions from the United Nations amount to \$500,400 and from the GATT to \$671,600.

17. Miscellaneous income for 1970 is now estimated at \$11,000 against a budgetary estimate of \$8,000.

18. Income from contributions towards overhead costs relating to extra-budgetary projects was budgeted for 1970 at an amount of \$150,000. As at 31 December 1970 a shortfall of \$22,000 is expected on income for overhead costs due to a delay in the execution of extra-budgetary projects. The contributions for 1970 are now expected to total \$128,000, of which \$55,656 were transferred from 1969 in accordance with paragraph 11 of document L/3289.

III. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

19. At 30 September 1970 contributions due by the United Nations amounted to \$100,400, and by the GATT to \$121,600. These contributions will be received before the end of the financial year.

20. Miscellaneous accounts receivable as at 30 September 1970 amounted to \$33,490, representing advances to staff members on education grants (\$8,093), on salaries (\$1,875) and on travel subsistence allowances (\$16,578). It also includes outstanding invoices in respect of sales of publications and services rendered (\$6,944).

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