

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE

TRAINING COURSE ON THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS  
FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Note by the Director-General

The Council at its meeting on 7 November 1973 (C/M/91) discussed in some detail the possibility of holding short specialized training courses for senior officials from developing countries unable to leave their posts for extended periods of time.

The Director-General undertook to study the suggestions which had been made in the Council and now wishes to propose that a short (four weeks) training course on the multilateral trade negotiations for senior officials from developing countries should be held in Geneva during the period 24 June to 19 July 1974.

In view of the strong interest likely to be evinced in the proposed course, it might be necessary to limit participation to one well-qualified senior official per country. For reasons of efficiency it is anticipated that not more than thirty candidates can be successfully coped with. In this connexion it might be necessary to envisage fixing a deadline for receipt of nominations and to accept the first thirty names submitted.

It would be the intention to provide interpretation facilities in order to permit candidates to follow the work in English and French (a course in Spanish was held in the summer of 1973).

On the assumption that governments would be prepared to be responsible for transportation, medical expenses, insurance, etc. and that the CONTRACTING PARTIES would pay only a per diem for each participant, the total cost would be approximately Sw F 160,000, broken down as follows:

	<u>Sw F</u>
Per diem for 30 participants for	
30 days each at Sw F 100 per day	90,000
Interpretation	53,000
Rental of conference room	7,000
Miscellaneous (including secretarial assistance)	10,000
	<u>160,000</u>

The Director-General proposes that the cost of the course as outlined above should be met from the anticipated surplus in respect of Part IV of the 1973 budget which covers the Trade Negotiations and their preparation.