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INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration met at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva, on 1, 9 and 16 October 1992.

2. The Committee was chaired by Mr. A. Szepesi of Hungary and the membership was as follows:

Australia	India	Singapore
Brazil	Israel	Spain
Canada	Italy	Sweden
Chile	Jamaica	Switzerland
Colombia	Japan	United Kingdom
France	Korea, Rep. of	United States
Germany	Malaysia	Venezuela
Hong Kong	Netherlands	Zaire
Hungary	Nigeria	

3. (a) Bangladesh, Denmark, El Salvador, Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Tanzania and Turkey were represented by Observers.

(b) The meeting of 16 October 1992 was also attended by members of the Secretariat of the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/GATT).

4. Attention was drawn to document L/5964/Rev.5 outlining the terms of reference and the membership of the Committee.

5. The Agenda in document GATT/AIR/3347 was adopted with the addition under item 8, Other Business, of "Contribution to the GATT Budget by Namibia and "Performance Against Budget in 1992".

A. GATT SECRETARIAT

I. BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1993

6. The Secretariat presented their initial budget estimates for 1993, explaining the policy and procedural background. After taking into account the effects of inflation, exchange rate fluctuations and statutory increases, the proposed real growth of 1.9% dealt only with the most pressing financial needs.

7. With regard to the proposed increase in staff, the needs of two of the three Divisions where it was judged essential to provide additional posts, due to the increase in workload, had been satisfied through the redeployment of existing posts. However, for the Statistics and Information Systems Division, where particular expertise was required, the budget proposals provided for four additional temporary posts. A provision for two and a half additional posts was also proposed under temporary assistance to provide urgently needed flexibility in the translation and typing pools and one guard for a new car park. The Secretariat said that after the Uruguay Round there would be an overall review of the workload, grading and structure of the Secretariat and, as appropriate, a consolidation of posts.

8. The Secretariat had included in the initial 1993 budget proposals a provision under Section 16 - Unforeseen Expenditure to guard against a possible major overexpenditure which would result from a strengthening of the US dollar vis-à-vis the Swiss franc, since the proposals were computed, according to the normal procedure, using the current exchange rate which was the lowest for five years.

9. After debating the overall increase in the budget proposals, several members of the Committee stated that considering inter alia the restraints imposed on their own administrations, they could only support a zero real growth budget for 1993. While other members of the Committee sympathized with the need for budgetary stringency, some members cautioned against jeopardizing the Secretariat's efficiency.

10. Finally, the Secretariat was asked to prepare revised proposals reducing by some Sw F 1.7 million the initial proposal of Sw F 90,794,000. The revised proposals as in CRP(92)13 for an amount of Sw F 89,040,000 were accepted by the Committee (see Schedule I).

II. REVISED INCOME BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1993

11. The Committee agreed that the budget for 1993 be financed as follows:

	<u>Sw F</u>
a) Revised contributions assessed on contracting parties	87,600,000
b) Revised estimates of miscellaneous income ...	<u>1,440,000</u>
	89,040,000
	<u>89,040,000</u>

12. The delegation from Germany reiterated their reservation (L/6870, paragraphs 28-30) with regard to the percentage applied to Germany in the Scale of Contributions. However, Germany was prepared to pay the assessment as proposed in the revised schedule of contributions for 1993 (Schedule II) but this should not be construed as a legal obligation nor considered as a precedent in equal or similar cases.

13. In connection with the contributions for 1993 the representative of Tanzania, Observer to the Committee, made the intervention reproduced in Annex II. The Representative of Bangladesh, an Observer, said that amongst the Least Developed Countries (LDC), Bangladesh's total trade figure included imports which were aid-related and hence over-stated their economic strength. He felt that Bangladesh, as a LDC, should be assessed at the minimum contribution.

III. CONCLUSION

14. Noting the reservation expressed by the Delegation of Germany, the Committee submits to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for consideration and approval the following draft resolution on the expenditure of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and the ways and means to meet such expenditure.

POINT FOR DECISION: paragraph 14.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE REVISED EXPENDITURE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
IN 1993 AND THE WAYS AND MEANS TO MEET SUCH EXPENDITURE

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

HAVING CONSIDERED

the estimates of expenditure of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for 1993 as set forth in schedules annexed to this Resolution,

RESOLVE that

1. The Director-General is authorized to repay promptly ICITO for the services rendered during the year 1993, provided that such repayment does not exceed a total of 89,040,000 Swiss francs.
2. The repayment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be financed as follows:
 - (a) by contributions from contracting parties in the amount of 87,600,000 Swiss francs;
 - (b) by miscellaneous income estimated at 1,440,000 Swiss francs.
3. The Director-General shall report on the status of budgetary expenditure during the financial year.
4. The contributions of the contracting parties shall be assessed in accordance with the attached scale of contributions. Contributions from contracting parties in respect of the 1993 budget are considered as due and payable in full as at 1 January 1993.

SCHEDULE I

REVISED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1993

	Original Estimates L/7070 Sw F	(Decreases) Sw F	Revised Estimates Sw F
MEETINGS			
Section 1 Forty-ninth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES			
(i) Temporary assistance (interpreters)	3,000		3,000
(ii) Rental of meeting rooms and other services	<u>5,000</u>		<u>5,000</u>
Total Section 1:	<u>8,000</u>	0	<u>8,000</u>
Section 2 Meetings of the Council and other meetings			
(i) Interpretation			
a) Meetings of the Council	10,000		10,000
b) Other meetings	<u>170,000</u>		<u>170,000</u>
(ii) Other services	<u>10,000</u>		<u>10,000</u>
Total Section 2:	<u>190,000</u>	0	<u>190,000</u>
Total Meetings:	<u>198,000</u>	0	<u>198,000</u>
SECRETARIAT			
Section 3 Salaries			
(i) Established posts	34,093,000	(145,000)	33,948,000
(ii) Temporary assistance (including overtime)	<u>7,080,000</u>	<u>(468,000)</u>	<u>6,612,000</u>
Total Section 3:	<u>41,173,000</u>	<u>(613,000)</u>	<u>40,560,000</u>
Section 4 Common staff costs:			
(i) Installation grants	216,000	(54,000)	162,000
(ii) Travel and removal expenses of staff and their dependants	431,000	(78,000)	353,000
(iii) Separation payments	475,000		475,000
(iv) Repatriation grants	345,000		345,000
(v) Travel on home leave	400,000		400,000
(vi) Family allowances and education grants			
a) Family allowances	1,340,000	(12,000)	1,328,000
b) Education grants and related travel	741,000	(12,000)	729,000
(vii) Contribution to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	6,813,000	(173,000)	6,640,000
(viii) Sickness insurance	1,358,000	(6,000)	1,352,000
(ix) Joint services	<u>360,000</u>		<u>360,000</u>
Total Section 4:	<u>12,479,000</u>	<u>(335,000)</u>	<u>12,144,000</u>

	Original Estimates L/7070 Sw F	(Decreases) Sw F	Revised Estimates Sw F
Section 5 Missions			
a) Official missions	356,000	(30,000)	326,000
b) Technical co-operation missions	<u>173,000</u>		<u>173,000</u>
Total Section 5:	<u>529,000</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>499,000</u>
Section 6 Dispute settlement panels	<u>150,000</u>		<u>150,000</u>
Section 7 Common services:			
(i) Cables, telex, telefax and telephone communications	170,000		170,000
(ii) Rental of communication equipment (telex, telefax and telephone)	160,000		160,000
(iii) Freight and cartage	17,000		17,000
(iv) Books and information material	263,000		263,000
(v) Rental, maintenance of premises and related charges			
a) Rental of Centre William Rappard	2,400,000		2,400,000
b) Rental of offices outside CWR	275,000		275,000
c) Rental of car parks	125,000		125,000
d) Electricity	125,000		125,000
e) Water supply	26,000		26,000
f) Heating	54,000		54,000
g) Insurance premiums	171,000		171,000
h) Maintenance expenditure	730,000		730,000
i) Contractual cleaning	594,000		594,000
(vi) Maintenance of service cars	20,000		20,000
(vii) Postal services	371,000		371,000
(viii) Stationery and office supplies	87,000		87,000
(ix) Reproduction of documents	500,000		500,000
(x) External audit	17,000		17,000
(xi) Electronic Data Processing	2,065,000	(100,000)	1,965,000
(xii) Other services and miscellaneous expenditure	<u>41,000</u>		<u>41,000</u>
Total Section 7:	<u>8,211,000</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>8,111,000</u>
Section 8 Printing	<u>600,000</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>550,000</u>
Section 9 Representation and hospitality	<u>169,000</u>		<u>169,000</u>
Section 10 Permanent equipment	<u>272,000</u>	<u>(87,000)</u>	<u>185,000</u>
Section 11 Contribution to Staff Assistance Fund	<u>30,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>
Total Secretariat:	<u>63,613,000</u>	<u>(1,215,000)</u>	<u>62,398,000</u>

	Original Estimates L/7070 Sw F	(Decreases) Sw F	Revised Estimates Sw F
Section 12 Trade Policy Training Courses	<u>1,182,000</u>		<u>1,182,000</u>
Section 13 Uruguay Round			
(i) Interpretation	200,000		200,000
(ii) Temporary assistance (including overtime)	4,752,000	(55,000)	4,697,000
(iii) Common staff costs			
a) Installation grants	0		0
b) Travel and removal expenses of staff and their dependants	60,000		60,000
c) Separation payments	55,000		55,000
d) Repatriation grants	30,000		30,000
e) Travel on home leave	40,000		40,000
f) Family allowances, education grants and related travel			
(i) Family allowances	63,000		63,000
(ii) Education Grants	5,000		5,000
g) Contribution to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	728,000	(10,000)	718,000
h) Sickness insurance	100,000		100,000
(iv) Missions			
a) Official missions	194,000	(20,000)	174,000
b) Technical co-operation missions	377,000		377,000
(v) Common services			
a) Cables, telex, telefax and telephone communications	85,000		85,000
b) Rental of communication equipment (telex, telefax and telephone)	66,000		66,000
c) Books and information material	120,000		120,000
d) Rental of offices outside CWR	930,000		930,000
e) Electricity	14,000		14,000
f) Heating	30,000		30,000
g) Insurance premiums	13,000		13,000
h) Contractual cleaning	66,000		66,000
i) Postal services	115,000		115,000
j) Stationery and office supplies	44,000		44,000
k) Reproduction of documents	145,000		145,000
l) Electronic Data Processing	253,000		253,000
m) Other services and miscellaneous expenditure	5,000		5,000
(vi) Printing	250,000	(75,000)	175,000
(vii) Permanent equipment	10,000		10,000
(viii) Trade Negotiations Committee	<u>100,000</u>		<u>100,000</u>
Total Uruguay Round:	<u>8,850,000</u>	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>8,690,000</u>
Section 14 Trade Policy Review Mechanism			
(i) Temporary assistance (including overtime)	1,936,000	(23,000)	1,913,000

	Original Estimates L/7070 Sw F	(Decreases) Sw F	Revised Estimates Sw F
(ii) Common staff costs			
a) Installation grants	0		0
b) Travel and removal expenses of staff and their dependants	15,000		15,000
c) Separation payments	15,000		15,000
d) Repatriation grants	0		0
e) Travel on home leave	80,000		80,000
f) Family allowances	32,000		32,000
g) Education grants	35,000		35,000
h) Contribution to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	257,000	(6,000)	251,000
i) Sickness insurance	47,000		47,000
(iii) Missions	289,000		289,000
(iv) Common services			
a) Cables, telex, telefax and telephone communications	30,000		30,000
b) Rental of communication equipment (telex, telefax and telephone)	27,000		27,000
c) Books and information material	15,000		15,000
d) Rental of offices outside CWR	265,000		265,000
e) Electricity	4,000		4,000
f) Heating	10,000		10,000
g) Insurance premiums	6,000		6,000
h) Contractual cleaning	21,000		21,000
i) Postal services	130,000		130,000
j) Stationery and office supplies	22,000		22,000
k) Reproduction of documents	240,000		240,000
l) Electronic Data Processing	123,000		123,000
m) Other services and miscellaneous expenditure	5,000		5,000
(v) Printing	80,000		80,000
(vi) Permanent equipment	<u>62,000</u>		<u>62,000</u>
Total TPRM:	<u>3,746,000</u>	<u>(29,000)</u>	<u>3,717,000</u>
Section 15 Replacement of system for simultaneous interpretation in meeting rooms	<u>250,000</u>		<u>250,000</u>
Section 16 Unforeseen expenditure	<u>368,000</u>	<u>(268,000)</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Section 17 Contribution to the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	<u>12,587,000</u>	<u>(82,000)</u>	<u>12,505,000</u>
Restitution of 1989 deficit, and contribution to Working Capital Fund	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Section 18 Restitution of 1990 deficit, and contribution to Working Capital Fund	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
GRAND--TOTAL	<u>90,794,000</u>	<u>(1,754,000)</u>	<u>89,040,000</u>

SCHEDULE II / ETAT II / ESTADO II

REVISED SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1993
BAREME REVISE DES CONTRIBUTIONS POUR 1993
ESCALA REVISADA DE CONTRIBUCIONES PARA 1993

(Minimum contribution of 0.03%/
Contribution minimale de 0,03% / Contribución mínima de 0,03%)

Contracting parties/Parties contractantes/ Partes contratantes	1993 Contributions/ Contribuciones		Interest earned/ Intérêts crédités/ Intereses devengados 1/	1993 Net Contribution/ Contribution nette/ Contribución neta
	%	Sw F/FS	Sw F/FS	Sw F/FS
Antigua and Barbuda/Antigua et Barbuda Antigua y Barbuda	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Argentina/Argentine	0.25	219,000	(690)	218,310
Australia/Australie	1.37	1,200,120	(5,779)	1,194,341
Austria/Autriche	1.40	1,226,400	(5,520)	1,220,880
Bangladesh	0.08	70,080	—	70,080
Barbados/Barbade	0.03	26,280	(60)	26,220
Belgium/Belgique/Bélgica	3.43	3,004,680	(14,766)	2,989,914
Belize/Bélize/Belice	0.03	26,280	(39)	26,241
Benin/Bénin	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Bolivia/Bolivie	0.03	26,280	(38)	26,242
Botswana	0.05	43,800	—	43,800
Brazil/Brésil/Brasil	0.87	762,120	(50)	762,070
Burkina Faso	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Burundi	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Cameroon/Cameroun/Camerún	0.05	43,800	—	43,800
Canada/Canadá	4.12	3,609,120	(20,178)	3,588,942
Central African Republic/République centrafricaine/República Centroafricana	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Chad/Tchad	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Chile/Chili	0.26	227,760	(22)	227,738
Colombia/Colombie	0.19	166,440	(661)	165,779
Congo	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Costa Rica	0.06	52,560	—	52,560
Côte d'Ivoire	0.08	70,080	(311)	69,769
Cuba	0.23	201,480	—	201,480
Cyprus/Chypre/Chipre	0.06	52,560	(191)	52,369
Czech and Slovak (FR)/R.F.tchèque et slovaque/ R.F. Checa y Eslovaca	0.42	367,920	(1,452)	366,468
Denmark/Danemark/Dinamarca	1.08	946,080	(5,238)	940,842
Dominican Republic/République dominicaine/ República Dominicana	0.05	43,800	—	43,800
Egypt/Egypte/Egipto	0.19	166,440	(838)	165,602
El Salvador	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Finland/Finlande/Finlandia	0.81	709,560	(4,051)	705,509
France/Francia	7.18	6,289,680	(858)	6,288,822
Gabon/Gabón	0.04	35,040	—	35,040
Gambia/Gambia	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Germany/Allemagne/Alemania	12.27	10,748,520	(31,580)	10,716,940
Ghana	0.03	26,280	—	26,280

1/ Interest earned in 1991 under the Early Payment Encouragement Scheme (L/6384) and to be deducted from 1993 contribution/Intérêts crédités en 1991 dans le cadre du Système d'incitation au paiement rapide des contributions (L/6384) et à déduire de la contribution pour 1993/Intereses devengados en 1991 en el marco del Plan de incentivos para el pronto pago de las contribuciones (L/6384) y a descontar de la contribución para 1993.

Contracting parties/Parties contractantes/ Partes contratantes	1993 Contributions/ Contribuciones		Interest earned/ Intérêts crédités/ Intereses devengados 1/	1993 Net Contribution/ Contribution nette/ Contribución neta
	%	Sw F/FS	Sw F/FS	Sw F/FS
Greece/Grèce/Grecia	0.45	394,200	(1,236)	392,964
Guatemala	0.05	43,800	—	43,800
Guyana	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Haiti/Haïti/Haití	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Hong Kong	2.81	2,461,560	(10,843)	2,450,717
Hungary/Hongrie/Hungria	0.31	271,560	(1,641)	269,919
Iceland/Islande/Islandia	0.05	43,800	(109)	43,691
India/Inde	0.64	560,640	(1,956)	558,684
Indonesia/Indonésie	0.78	683,280	(3,246)	680,034
Ireland/Irlande/Irlanda	0.71	621,960	(3,091)	618,869
Israel/Israël	0.44	385,440	(292)	385,158
Italy/Italie/Italia	5.52	4,835,520	(18,154)	4,817,366
Jamaica/Jamaïque	0.04	35,040	(74)	34,966
Japan/Japon/Japón	8.62	7,551,120	(18,611)	7,532,509
Kenya	0.05	43,800	—	43,800
Korea, Republic of/Corée, République de/ Corea, República de	2.28	1,997,280	(5,584)	1,991,696
Kuwait/Koweït	0.25	219,000	(233)	218,767
Lesotho	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Luxembourg/Luxemburgo	0.30	262,800	(1,346)	261,454
Macao/Macao	0.05	43,800	(148)	43,652
Madagascar	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Malawi	0.03	26,280	(68)	26,212
Malaysia/Malaisie/Malasia	0.98	858,480	(807)	857,673
Maldives/Maldives	0.03	26,280	(107)	26,173
Malta/Malte	0.05	43,800	(178)	43,622
Mauritania/Mauritanie	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Mauritius/Maurice/Mauricio	0.04	35,040	(168)	34,872
Mexico/Mexique/México	0.80	700,800	(845)	699,955
Morocco/Maroc/Marruecos	0.17	148,920	(361)	148,559
Mozambique	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Myanmar, Union of/Myanmar, Union du/ Myanmar, Unión de	0.03	26,280	(121)	26,159
Namibia	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Netherlands, Kingdom of/Pays-Bas, Royaume des/ Países Bajos, Reino de los	4.09	3,582,840	(15,538)	3,567,302
New Zealand/Nouvelle-Zélande/Nueva Zelandia	0.30	262,800	(1,395)	261,405
Nicaragua	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Niger/Niger	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Nigeria/Nigeria	0.24	210,240	(218)	210,022
Norway/Norvège/Noruega	0.95	832,200	(4,444)	827,756
Pakistan/Pakistán	0.22	192,720	(106)	192,614
Peru/Pérou/Perú	0.11	96,360	—	96,360
Philippines/Filipinas	0.34	297,840	(472)	297,368
Poland/Pologne/Polonia	0.42	367,920	(2,419)	365,501
Portugal	0.64	560,640	(1,644)	558,996

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Contracting parties/Parties contractantes/ Partes contratantes	1993 Contributions/ Contribuciones		Interest earned/ Intérêts crédités/ Intereses devengados 1/	1993 Net Contribution/ Contribution nette/ Contribución neta
	%	Sw F/FS	Sw F/FS	Sw F/FS
Romania/Roumanie/Rumania	0.25	219,000	(640)	218,360
Rwanda	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Senegal/Sénégal	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Sierra Leone/Sierra Leona	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Singapore/Singapour/Singapur	1.23	1,077,480	(2,207)	1,075,273
South Africa/Afrique du Sud/Sudáfrica	0.61	534,360	(3,346)	531,014
Spain/Espagne/España	2.27	1,988,520	(6,154)	1,982,366
Sri Lanka	0.07	61,320	(134)	61,186
Suriname	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Sweden/Suède/Suecia	1.76	1,541,760	(8,868)	1,532,892
Switzerland/Suisse/Suiza	2.05	1,795,800	(9,771)	1,786,029
Tanzania/Tanzanie/Tanzania	0.03	26,280	(91)	26,189
Thailand/Thaïlande/Tailandia	0.93	814,680	(2,495)	812,185
Togo	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Trinidad and Tobago/Trinité-et-Tobago/ Trinidad y Tabago	0.05	43,800	(115)	43,685
Tunisia/Tunisie/Túnez	0.14	122,640	(327)	122,313
Turkey/Turquie/Turquía	0.54	473,040	(901)	472,139
Uganda/Ouganda	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland/Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord/Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte	6.39	5,597,640	(22,247)	5,575,393
United States of America/Etats-Unis d'Amérique/ Estados Unidos de América	14.95	13,096,200	(11,894)	13,084,306
Uruguay	0.05	43,800	—	43,800
Venezuela	0.39	341,640	(390)	341,250
Zaire/Zaire	0.03	26,280	—	26,280
Zambia/Zambia	0.04	35,040	—	35,040
Zimbabwe	0.05	43,800	—	43,800
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>87,600,000</u>	<u>(257,347)</u>	<u>87,342,653</u>
Cambodia/Cambodge/Camboyá	0.03	<u>26,280</u>		<u>26,280</u>
Yugoslavia/Yougoslavie 2/				

1/ Interest earned in 1991 under the Early Payment Encouragement Scheme (L/6384) and to be deducted from 1993 contribution/Intérêts crédités en 1991 dans le cadre du Système d'incitation au paiement rapide des contributions (L/6384) et à déduire de la contribution pour 1993/Intereses devengados en 1991 en el marco del Plan de incentivos para el pronto pago de las contribuciones (L/6384) y a descontar de la contribución para 1993.

2/ A contribution will be assessed after a decision by the CONTRACTING PARTIES regarding its status/ Une contribution sera mise à la charge après décision des PARTIES CONTRACTANTES concernant son statut/ Se señalará una contribución después de que las PARTES CONTRACTANTES hayan adoptado una decisión sobre la condición de dicho país.

SCHEDULE III

REVISED ESTIMATES OF MISCELLANEOUS INCOME FOR 1993

	<u>Sw F</u>
(a) Sale of publications	300,000
(b) Profit or (loss) on exchange	(50,000)
(c) Savings on previous year's outstanding obligations	20,000
(d) Refund of staff costs for staff employed at Centre William Rappard on behalf of UNHCR	930,000
(e) Overhead on Trust Fund	25,000
(f) Rental of Meeting rooms and office space at Centre William Rappard to others	20,000
(g) Contributions of Observer countries	20,000
(h) Other:	
– Interest on Current Account	140,000
– Various	35,000
TOTAL	1,440,000

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STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1992 / ETAT DES ARRIERES DE CONTRIBUTIONS
AU 30 SEPTEMBRE 1992 / ESTADO DE CONTRIBUCIONES PENDIENTES AL 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1992

Contracting Parties and Associated Governments/ Parties Contractantes et Gouvernements associés/ Partes Contratantes y Gobiernos asociados	Swiss Francs/Francis suisses/Francos suizos						TOTAL
	1969/1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	
Antigua and Barbuda/Antigua et Barbuda							
Antigua y Barbuda.....	72,120	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	234,147
Argentina/Argentine.....	-	-	-	-	-	18,395	18,395
Bangladesh.....	-	-	-	-	-	76,140	76,140
Benin/Bénin.....	322,938	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	484,965
Bolivia/Bolivia.....	-	-	-	-	14,667	25,326	39,993
Botswana.....	72,120	72,228	31,895	36,800	30,936	42,300	286,279
Brazil/Brésil/Brasil.....	-	-	-	-	738,892	781,588	1,520,480
Burkina Faso.....	314,514	-	-	-	-	20,823	335,337
Burundi.....	594,395	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	756,422
Cameroon/Cameroun/Camerún.....	63,790	-	-	36,800	38,263	33,840	172,693
Central African Republic/République centrafricaine/República Centroafricana.....	477,900	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	639,927
Chad/Tchad.....	760,481	59,378	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	909,658
Chile/Chili.....	-	-	-	-	149,460	211,500	360,960
Congo.....	504,227	72,228	25,516	29,440	23,202	25,380	679,993
Costa Rica.....	-	-	-	-	46,404	50,760	97,164
Côte d'Ivoire.....	-	-	-	-	-	65,060	65,060
Cuba.....	300,000	-	-	-	37,720	205,437	543,157
Czech and Slovak (FR)/R.F.tchèque et slovaque/ R.F. Checa y Eslovaca.....	-	-	-	-	-	429,390	429,390
Dominican Republic/République dominicaine/ República Dominicana.....	673,388	-	38,274	44,160	46,404	42,300	844,526
Gabon/Gabón.....	149,772	-	-	-	-	-	149,772
Gambia/Gambia.....	590,173	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	752,200
Ghana.....	182,296	72,228	25,516	29,440	30,936	25,380	365,796
Guatemala.....	-	-	-	-	8,694	42,300	50,994
Guyana.....	329,450	-	-	-	18,451	25,380	373,281
Haiti/Haïti/Haití.....	200,200	-	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	269,999
India/Inde (1).....	-	-	-	-	-	546,280	546,280
Israel/Israël (2).....	-	-	-	-	-	263,001	263,001
Jamaica/Jamaïque.....	-	-	-	-	-	41,960	41,960
Kenya.....	72,772	61,040	44,653	51,520	46,404	50,760	327,149
Kuwait/Koweït.....	-	-	-	-	-	228,420	228,420
Lesotho.....	-	-	-	-	23,202	25,308	48,510
Madagascar.....	188,535	-	-	-	17,529	25,380	231,444
Malawi.....	33,286	-	-	-	-	8,920	42,206
Malaysia/Malaysia/Malaysia.....	-	-	-	-	-	714,396	714,396
Maldives/Maldives.....	14,709	-	-	-	-	25,044	39,753
Mauritania/Mauritanie.....	636,619	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	798,646
Nicaragua.....	412,136	53,353	-	22,080	23,087	25,380	536,036
Niger/Niger.....	276,811	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	438,838
Nigeria/Nigeria.....	-	-	-	-	-	121,814	121,814
Peru/Pérou/Perú.....	399,086	-	-	18,705	92,809	92,668	603,268
Philippines/Filipinas (3).....	293,079	-	-	-	-	154,341	447,420

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Contracting Parties and Associated Governments/ Parties Contractantes et Gouvernements associés/ Partes Contratantes y Gobiernos asociados	Swiss Francs/Francis suisses/Francos suizos						TOTAL
	1969/1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	
Portugal.....	-	-	-	-	-	255,505	255,505
Romania/Roumanie/Rumania.....	607,360	-	-	-	-	268,772	876,132
Rwanda.....	-	-	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	89,799
Senegal/Sénégal.....	324,202	-	-	22,080	22,982	25,380	394,644
Sierra Leone/Sierra Leona.....	683,300	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	845,327
Suriname.....	210,360	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	372,387
Tanzania/Tanzanie/Tanzania.....	437,059	-	-	-	-	25,380	462,439
Togo.....	111,427	-	-	-	23,123	25,045	159,595
Trinidad and Tobago/Trinité-et-Tobago/ Trinidad y Tabago.....	-	-	-	-	-	42,153	42,153
Tunisia/Tunisie/Túnez.....	-	-	-	-	-	20,522	20,522
Turkey/Turquie/Turquia.....	-	-	-	-	-	48,637	48,637
Uganda/Ouganda.....	506,778	72,228	19,137	22,080	23,202	25,380	668,805
United States of America/Etats-Unis d'Amérique/ Estados Unidos de América.....	1,914,389	-	-	-	-	12,805,781	14,720,170
Uruguay.....	-	-	-	-	5,258	42,121	47,379
Venezuela.....	-	-	-	-	-	7,514	7,514
Yugoslavia/Yougoslavie.....	-	-	-	-	400,282	437,529	837,811
Zaire/Zaire.....	430,900	72,228	51,032	29,440	30,936	25,380	639,916
Zambia/Zambia.....	57,393	-	-	-	2,307	33,840	93,540
TOTAL	13,217,965	1,184,963	465,667	607,505	2,173,574	18,838,470	36,488,144

Cambodia/Cambodge/Camboya

25,380

- (1) Payment of 367,820 Swiss francs received and not yet accounted for.
Paiement de 367,820 Francs suisses reçu récemment mais pas encore comptabilisé.
Pago de 367,820 Francos suizos recibido pero aún sin contabilizar.
- (2) Payment of 258,342.67 Swiss francs received and not yet accounted for.
Paiement de 258.342,67 Francs suisses reçu récemment mais pas encore comptabilisé.
Pago de 258.342,67 Francos suizos recibido pero aún sin contabilizar.
- (3) Payment of US Dollars 96,245.25 received and not yet accounted for.
Paiement de 96.245,25 dollars des Etats-Unis reçu récemment mais pas encore comptabilisé.
Pago de 96.245,25 dólares EEUU recibido pero aún sin contabilizar.

ANNEX II

Statement by Representative of Tanzania
(on 1 October 1992)

"The Tanzanian delegation would like to make the following brief intervention in the context of the Budget Committee's deliberations of the 1993 budget estimates for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. It is our view that the incremental costs being incurred everyday are the direct consequence of GATT's increased workload arising from issues between contending industrialized and advanced developing countries with economies such as Tanzania making no contribution to that workload.

And yet when all these incremental costs are aggregated they inevitably result in higher assessment of each contracting party including countries like Tanzania. Such an increase in our burden is neither fair nor just.

Time is now overdue to develop criteria for additional assessment which exclude countries with low external-trade profile. We make this observation, with all the seriousness we are capable of, realizing that as Observers we can do no more.

We request that our statement, as Observer, be fully recorded in the minutes of this meeting as well as our intention to pursue the matter through usual GATT processes, in case our plea falls on deaf ears."

B. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE UNCTAD/GATT

I. INTRODUCTION

15. The Chairman recalled that consultations on the problems that have arisen in the partnership between the UN and GATT regarding the management of the International Trade Centre (ITC/UNCTAD/GATT) and its future were currently being held at the political level by the Chairman of the Council. He suggested therefore that the Committee should focus on the financial aspects of ITC which are covered by the three documents available.

16. A member of the GATT Secretariat introduced document CRP(92)15 on the financial/budgetary relationship of GATT and the ITC during the biennium 1990-1991. He said that the document provided information on the initial approved budget for the ITC for the 1990-1991 biennium, the revised budget as contained in the Second Performance Report and the final accounts, which showed a surplus of some US\$434,000 at 31 December 1991. Furthermore, the document indicated total budgetary savings for the GATT of Sw F 596,500 for the two years of the biennium.

II. SECOND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991 (ITC/BUD/13)

AND

III. FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1991 AND REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS (Supplement number 5 A/47/5)

17. The Officer in Charge of the ITC introduced the two ITC documents which dealt with the biennium 1990-1991. With regard to the Second Performance Report (ITC/BUD/13), he said that this would normally have been examined by the Budget Committee in late 1991, but that it had not been available in time for the Committee's meeting in October. He said that the document proposed the reduction of the 1990-1991 budget from US\$34,891,000 to US\$33,012,800. The utilization of the surplus of US\$433,985 at 31 December 1991 (document Supplement number 5 A/47/5) would be discussed in the context of the Centre's First Performance Report for the Biennium 1992-1993. He also said that the auditors' observations and recommendations could be classified into three groups: (i) observations regarding financial controls and procedures on which follow-up actions, wherever appropriate, had already been taken; (ii) policy questions which were dependent on decisions by UNCTAD and GATT; and (iii) the application of UN regulations, rules and administrative instructions, the problem being particularly with regard to the applicability of UN administrative instructions to ITC.

18. Copies of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) on the Financial Reports and Audited Financial Statements and Reports of the Board of Auditors (A/47/500) and the Report of the Secretary General on the Administrative System of the ITC (A/47/460) had just been received by ITC. They will be distributed to the Committee when available in all working languages.

19. A member of the Committee asked as to what instruments were available to control the utilization of the GATT contribution to ITC. Other members pointed to the problems enumerated by the auditors and asked what was the procedure for following up on such observations. Another member of the Committee asked as to the consequences of not holding the Joint Advisory Group (JAG) meeting this year as well as of the number of vacancies in top management positions. Some members indicated that they would like further information regarding which audit observations had been dealt with and which were being postponed.

20. A member of the GATT Secretariat explained that there were frequent contacts between GATT, the ITC and UNCTAD through such bodies as the Liaison Officers Meetings and the Joint Appointments and Promotions Board. He also said that it was a long-established practice to avoid a double control over the ITC; thus the budgeting and auditing procedures were those of the UN.

21. Answering other questions the Officer in Charge of ITC stated that under the agreement establishing the Joint GATT/UNCTAD International Trade Centre a report on its activities was expected to be submitted every year to the Governing Bodies of the parent organizations after review by the JAG; consultations were taking place about holding the JAG meeting before the end of the year. He added that three of the six management positions of ITC had been lying vacant for a considerable period of time and this had created serious strain on the day-to-day management of the Organization.

22. The Chairman suggested that further discussion on the points raised could be undertaken at a future meeting of the Committee to be held preferably before the end of the year, when the UN documents referred to above (A/47/460 and A/47/500) would have been made available to the Committee.

23. The Committee agreed to the Chairman's suggestion (paragraph 22 above) and took note of document CRP(92)15 summarizing the financial and budgetary relationship of GATT and ITC.

C. OTHER ISSUES

I. FINAL POSITION OF THE 1991 BUDGET AND THE
RECOMMENDATION BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WITH RESPECT TO
THE UNCOVERED BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 1991

24. The excess expenditure of appropriations on various sections amounted to Sw F 1,135,620 which was totally offset by savings of Sw F 1,140,013 on other sections, leading to overall budgetary surplus of Sw F 4,393.

25. With regard to the Surplus Account, the accumulated deficit at the end of 1991 was Sw F 5,035,336. This situation was mainly due to the level of contributions in arrears which increased from Sw F 23,083,898 at the end of 1990 to Sw F 23,473,216 at the end of 1991, an increase of Sw F 389,318. After the transfer of the whole of the Working Capital Fund of Sw F 4,892,759, an amount of Sw F 142,577 remained uncovered.

26. The level of miscellaneous income in the 1991 financial year was less than foreseen, due to the income from the sale of publications being less than anticipated, mainly because the annual report on International Trade 1990-1991 was released in 1992. In addition lower return on investments was less than had been envisaged.

27. After debating the issue of over-expenditure which would lead to transfers between sections of the budget, the Committee endorsed the Secretariat's proposal to introduce, on a trial basis, a Performance Against Budget Report as outlined in Conference Room Paper CRP(92)14. This report would be submitted to the Budget Committee for discussion in September/October and would include anticipated expenditure to the end of the year as well as the previous year's expenditure and the budget proposed for the next year.

28. The Committee recommends to the Council that transfers between budgetary sections of Sw F 1,135,620 which are deemed necessary to cover the excess expenditure over approved appropriations on the sections mentioned in paragraph 9 of document L/7077 by savings on other sections be approved as follows:

Sw F

Transfers from:

Part I: MEETINGS

Section 2 - Meetings of the Council and other meetings 125,943

Part II: SECRETARIAT

Section 7 - Common Services 20,536

Section 8 - Printing 115,155

Section 9 - Representation and Hospitality 17,369

Section 10 - Permanent Equipment 25,996

Part III: TRADE POLICY TRAINING COURSES

Section 12 - Trade Policy Training Courses 26,986

PART V: TRADE POLICY REVIEW MECHANISM

Section 14 - Trade Policy Review Mechanism 291,698

Part VI: INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE UNCTAD/GATT

Section 15 - Contribution to the International
Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT 511,937

1,135,620
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Transfers to:

Part I: MEETINGS

Section 1 - Forty-seventh Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES 860

Part II: SECRETARIAT

Section 3 - Salaries 610,441

Section 4 - Common Staff Costs 18,888

Section 5 - Missions 8,327

Section 6 - Dispute Settlement Panels 57,634

Part IV: URUGUAY ROUND

Section 13 - Uruguay Round 439,470

1,135,620
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29. With regard to the recommendation of the Director-General with respect to the uncovered balance at 31 December 1991 (L/7077, paragraph 21), the Committee recommends to the Council that the uncovered balance of Sw F 142,577 as at 31 December 1991 be covered by the anticipated receipt in 1992 of contributions in arrears.

POINTS FOR DECISION: Paragraphs 28 and 29.

II. CASH SITUATION AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
(CRP(92)9/Rev.1)

30. The document presented by the Secretariat included a statement on the cash situation as at 30 September 1992, 1991 and 1990 and a statement of outstanding contributions as at 30 September 1992. The Secretariat added that with the current level of funds, financial obligations to the end of the year could not be met, but a major contributor had announced on 16 October that a substantial part of its contribution would be paid in the near future.

31. The Committee urged all Contracting Parties to do their utmost to meet their financial obligations to the GATT by settling their outstanding contributions.

32. The Committee took note of the report.

III. CONTRIBUTIONS OF OBSERVER COUNTRIES TOWARDS THE COSTS OF DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARIAT
(CRP(92)6)

33. In accordance with the approved recommendation of the Committee that, with effect from 1 January 1989, Observer countries be invited to contribute a minimum of Sw F 1,000 towards the cost of documentation services provided by the Secretariat (document L/6384, paragraph 46), the Secretariat informed the Committee of the receipts from Observer countries.

34. In response to a query, the Secretariat said that the level of the voluntary contribution of Sw F 1,000, set in 1988, still covered the marginal cost of the documentation (inclusive of postage charges) provided to Observer countries.

35. Several members of the Committee suggested that a document on the services provided to Observers should be at the disposal of the Council when they review issues related to the status of Observers.

36. The Committee took note of the report and the statements made.

IV. AVOIDANCE OF ARREARS IN THE FUTURE PROGRESS REPORT
(CRP(92)7/Rev.1)

37. The Chairman recalled the importance of the matter regarding outstanding contributions raised at the meeting of the Committee on 26 May 1992. This issue forms part of the Administrative Measures approved in 1988 and for which a review is foreseen at the conclusion of the Uruguay Round.

38. In accordance with the approved recommendation of the Committee that, with effect from 1 January 1989, certain administrative measures regarding contributions outstanding as from 1988 would be gradually implemented to reinforce the fundamental obligation of contracting parties to pay their outstanding contributions in full (document L/6384, paragraph 41), the Committee examined document CRP(91)24.

39. Following a change in the legal entity of one of the contracting parties listed in Category I of this document CRP(92)7/Rev.1, the Secretariat said that the status of the amount due will have to be considered by the Committee.

40. The Committee took note of the report.

V. INSTALMENT PAYMENTS FOR CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH CONTRIBUTIONS IN ARREARS
(CRP(92)8/Rev.1)

41. Attention was drawn to the approved recommendation of the Committee that Contracting Parties with outstanding contributions for 1987 and earlier should settle their outstanding contributions through the instalment schemes (document L/6384, paragraph 25).

42. In this connection, Tanzania reiterated the hope that the Committee would continue to reflect on the arrears for 1987 and earlier and, at an opportune time, revert to the issue.

43. The Committee took note of the report and of the statements made.

VI. CONTRIBUTION TO THE GATT BUDGET: ACCESSION OF MOZAMBIQUE
(L/7079)

44. Consequent to the accession to the GATT of the Government of Mozambique (document L/7069) the Committee recommends that a contribution to the 1992 budget amounting to Sw F 25,380 be assessed on this Government. This assessment is based on an annual contribution of 0.03 per cent, taking into account Mozambique's foreign trade for the years 1986-1988. Further, on the basis of the level of the Working Capital Fund of Sw F 4,937,817 on 1 January 1992, the Committee recommends to the Council to assess an amount of Sw F 24,689 on the Government of Mozambique as an advance to the Fund.

POINTS FOR DECISION: paragraph 44.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. CONTRIBUTION TO THE GATT BUDGET: ACCESSION OF NAMIBIA
(L/7091)

45. Consequent to the accession to the GATT of the Government of Namibia (document L/7081), the Committee recommends that a contribution to the 1992 budget amounting to Sw F 25,380 be assessed on this Government. This assessment is based on an annual contribution of 0.03 per cent, taking into account Namibia's foreign trade for the years 1988-1990. Further, on the basis of the level of the Working Capital Fund of Sw F 4,937,817 on 1 January 1992, the Committee recommends to the Council to assess an amount of Sw F 24,689 on the Government of Namibia as an advance to the Fund.

POINTS FOR DECISION: Paragraph 45.

VIII. 1992 PERFORMANCE AGAINST BUDGET
(CRP(92)14)

46. At the request of a member of the Committee, it was decided that the first report on performance against budget (see paragraph 27) will be already prepared for 1992 in November indicating the situation as of 30 October 1992.