

**PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
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WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**

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SUB-COMMITTEE ON BUDGET,
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

SEAT OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

Having assessed the offers made by the Government of Germany for Bonn and the Government of Switzerland for Geneva as potential seat of the World Trade Organization.

Considering that while both offers were largely comparable in quality but that (i) Geneva was already host to some international organizations with which WTO is expected to establish a close working relationship, (ii) the transition from GATT to the WTO should be as smooth and secure as possible.

The Sub-Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration recommends to the Preparatory Committee of the WTO that:

- (i) Geneva be chosen as the seat of the World Trade Organization, subject to satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations referred to in sub-paragraph (ii);
- (ii) negotiations between the Swiss authorities and representatives of the Preparatory Committee of the WTO be undertaken without delay and the results be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for approval; and
- (iii) the German authorities be thanked for their generous and competitive offer and the conviction be expressed that Bonn will provide an excellent venue for international organizations in the future.