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Contribution of Acceding Governments
to the financing of Secretariat Services for
the Contracting Parties*

In the Annex to the Resolution on financing of secretariat services, GATT/CP.2/41 (page 3), it is provided that:

"(e) countries which are not at present Contracting Parties but which accede to the General Agreement as a result of the new tariff negotiations shall participate in this financial arrangement on the same basis as the present Contracting Parties. Such participation shall relate to all expenses incurred from the date of the commencement of the new tariff negotiations, i.e. 11 April 1949. The contributions of the present Contracting Parties shall be adjusted to take account of the contributions of new Contracting Parties."

As the preparations for the Annecy negotiations account for a considerable portion of the expenses of the Contracting Parties for the first quarter of 1949, it is suggested that no distinction should be drawn between the expenses incurred at any particular time and that the acceding governments should be requested to contribute to the expenses for 1949 as a whole. Moreover, as the estimates for the tariff negotiations were conservative (and did not include expenses incurred in the preparation for the meeting),

* This note refers only to governments acceding as a result of the new tariff negotiations. Since the Second Session of the Contracting Parties, Chile has also acceded as a Contracting Party and should, therefore, contribute \$900 under Category F.

it is suggested that the contributions of new Contracting Parties should be treated as an addition to the budget of the Contracting Parties and, therefore, that no adjustment be made in the contributions of the present Contracting Parties. Such an adjustment would be relatively small and would involve complicated recalculation of contributions. The additional revenue would also probably yield a modest surplus to carry over into 1950.

The contributions of new Contracting Parties on the basis of GATT/CP.2/41 would be as follows:

Category D - external trade equivalent to 2½% or more but less than 5% of the total trade of GATT signatories as calculated in Annex H to the GATT\$3750 ea.
Sweden	\$3750
Category E - countries whose share is 1% or more but less than 2½%\$2200 ea.
Denmark, Italy	\$4400
Category F - countries whose share is less than 1%\$900 ea.
Colombia, Dominican Republic, Finland, Greece, Haiti, Liberia, Nicaragua, Uruguay	\$7200
<u>Total</u>	\$15350