

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft

### TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

#### Communication from the Chairman

At our June 1983 meeting, the Technical Sub-Committee completed its task of drafting tariff language in the three nomenclatures for the sixteen items, which the Committee had previously agreed should be included in the Annex to the Aircraft Agreement. Based on informal discussions with several delegations, it now appears that additional reservations will soon be removed, resulting in an expansion of the list of agreed items. It will, therefore, be necessary for the Technical Sub-Committee to meet in Geneva the week of 3 October 1983 to work out tariff concordance and tariff language for the newly agreed items.

In order for the Technical Sub-Committee to be able to complete its work during the week of 3 October, all Signatories are urged to prepare draft tariff language in their respective nomenclatures for each of the items listed in AIR/TSC/4 dated 10 March 1983, which it can agree to include in the Annex to the Agreement. This should be submitted to the GATT secretariat as soon as possible, but not later than 12 September, so that it can be circulated to all delegations for their study in advance of the October meeting.

Regrettably, because beginning on 19 September I will be working in private industry for one year as part of an Executive Exchange Programme, I will be unable to chair this or future meetings of the Technical Sub-Committee. Fortunately my predecessor, Mr. Phil Douglas of Canada has agreed to resume the chair of the October meeting, and the precise date of the meeting will be set by him in consultation with other delegations. I thank him and all other delegations for their hard work, assistance and support during my tenure as Chairman and I am confident that, under the able leadership of Mr. Douglas the Technical Sub-Committee will complete its assigned task in October.

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