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JAN TUMLIR, GATT'S CHIEF ECONOMIST, RETIRES

Jan Tumlir, Director of Economic Research and Analysis for the past 18 years, is leaving the GATT this week to return to academic life in the United States. He will be succeeded by Richard Blackhurst who has been a senior economist in the GATT Secretariat since 1974.

Dr. Tumlir has been a lively and influential commentator on developments in the field of international economic relations and particularly trade policies. During his period with the GATT Secretariat he helped to shape economic thinking on the dangers and costs of protectionism, the role of structural rigidities in causing protectionism, and, most recently, pointed to the threat to the multilateral GATT system of the trend towards discriminatory trade policies.

Born in Czechoslovakia in 1926, Jan Tumlir, left his law studies in Prague in 1949 to live first in the Federal Republic of Germany and, after two years, in the United States. He enrolled at Yale University and received his BA degree in 1953, an MA (Econ) in 1955 and his Ph.D (Econ) in 1962. From 1960 to 1964, he was an assistant professor of economics at Yale after which he joined the GATT Secretariat, firstly as an economic counsellor. He became Director of Economic Research and Analysis in 1967.

Since 1968, Dr. Tumlir has been a part-time faculty member of the Economics Section of the Graduate Institute of International Studies in

Geneva. During the academic year 1983-84, he was a visiting professor of economics at the University of California (Los Angeles) where he will be returning after his retirement from GATT.

Dr. Tumir has been author or co-author of a number of monographs:

- Trade Liberalization, Protectionism and Interdependence (1977),
- Adjustment, Trade and Growth in Developed and Developing Countries (1978) and
- Trade Relations under Flexible Exchange Rates (1980),

and has contributed to numerous professional journals and volumes of essays.

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