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At the Level of Heads of Delegations
Held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva
on 29 May and 28 June 1973

Chairman: Mr. H. Kitahara (Japan)

Subject: Appointment of two Deputy Directors-General

The Director-General explained that with a view to the forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations and their preparations it was essential that the operational management of the secretariat should be strengthened. He proposed that the present Heads of the Department of Trade Policy and Trade and Development be appointed Deputy Directors-General with effect from 1 July 1973.

The Council agreed with this proposal.

Details of the related financial implications were submitted to the Council in document INT(73)52 on 28 June 1973.

The Chairman said that the final sentence of document INT(73)52 should be understood in the following way:

"The reclassification of one D.2 post to the level of Deputy Director-General is effective for a period of three years, i.e. until 30 June 1976. It is understood that this question could be reviewed in the light of the situation obtaining at that time."

The representative of Belgium, speaking on behalf of the member States of the European Communities, asked that the final sentence of document INT(73)52 be amended in accordance with the understanding just expressed by the Chairman. This was agreed.

The representative of the United States said that he understood the amendment to imply that one post of Deputy Director-General would lapse after 30 June 1976, unless extended in the light of the situation obtaining at that time. His delegation could accept the proposed salary scale and in view of the general consensus which had emerged would also accept the proposed level of representation allowance although he wished to have it recorded that in the United States view a lower sum would have been adequate and that it would have been preferable to have requested the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration to consider this aspect before the Council was asked to take a decision.

The Council agreed with the proposal set out in document INT(73)52 as amended.