

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Limited Distribution

## ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1958 AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### Note by the Executive Secretary

1. In the Budget estimates for this year, as approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Twelfth Session, it is recognized that the studies on the trends in international trade and on restrictive business practices as well as special work in connexion with the examination of the Rome Treaty would involve expenditure beyond the normal budget appropriations. The CONTRACTING PARTIES set aside a provisional appropriation of \$20,000 for these special projects "it being understood that the Executive Secretary should be authorized to draw on the Working Capital Fund in accordance with paragraph 5 (c) of the Resolution of 17 November 1956 if the appropriation proved to be insufficient to meet this expenditure".
2. On the basis of estimates made for the various items of expenditure relating to the first two projects, these estimates exhaust the appropriation of \$20,000. As regards work in connexion with the Rome Treaty, the expenditure occasioned by the meetings of the Working Party on the Association of Overseas Territories with the European Economic Community (conference rooms, interpreters and other temporary assistance) was in fact financed out of the appropriation provided in Part I, Section 2 (b) Other Intersessional Meetings (\$2,000) and in Part II, Section 1 (ii) Temporary Assistance (\$8,600).
3. As a result it is expected that by the end of April 1958 the appropriation in Part I, Section 2 (b) Other Intersessional Meetings will be overdrawn by approximately \$1,000 and the appropriation in Part II, Section 1 (ii) Temporary Assistance will be exceeded by \$3,250. (Total expected expenditure \$11,850, appropriation \$8,600). The estimated expenditure incurred for temporary assistance recruited for the work in connexion with the examination of the Rome Treaty amounts to \$7,000 for the period 1 January to 30 April 1958. For the same period an amount of \$4,850 has been used for temporary assistance needed for the purposes described in the budget estimates for 1958.
4. The Executive Secretary therefore proposes, in accordance with the authorization contained in paragraph 21 of the Budget report (L/756) to draw on the Working Capital Funds: (a) an amount of \$3,000 to reconstitute the appropriation in Part I, Section 2 (b) Other Intersessional Meetings; (b) to replenish the appropriation in Part II, Section 1 (ii) Temporary Assistance, by restoring the

sum of \$7,000 which is properly chargeable to special projects - there would thus remain a provision of \$3,750 for temporary assistance to meet the requirements from 1 May 1958 until the end of the year; (c) as may be necessary, to meet expenditure relating to any future intersessional meetings in connexion with the examination of the Rome Treaty. It is estimated that this expenditure will not exceed \$5,000.

5. The Executive Secretary will submit to the Thirteenth Session a detailed report on the actual expenditure covered by the appropriation for special projects.

6. The addition of the special projects to the normal work of the secretariat has resulted in unexpectedly heavy pressure on all sections of the secretariat, and it has therefore been necessary to strengthen some of the units by temporary assistance including the Administrative Section. It is estimated that this will involve expenditure of an additional \$12,500 which the Executive Secretary proposes to draw from the Working Capital Fund to supplement the appropriation in Part II, Section 1 (ii) Temporary Assistance.

7. The Executive Secretary, when presenting the Budget estimates for 1959, will at the same time submit to the CONTRACTING PARTIES such provision as will be required for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund for advances made in 1958 so that the Working Capital Fund remains at the agreed level. This is reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES in order to give advance notice of the additional contributions which will have to be paid in 1959 to reimburse these advances.

#### 8. Administrative Tribunal

In accordance with the decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their last Session, the Executive Secretary approached the Director General of the International Labour Organisation in order to conclude an agreement with the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO. On 19 March 1958 the Executive Secretary was informed that the Governing Body of the ILO approved the application of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal to the ILO secretariat.