

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

L/2324

11 January 1965

Limited Distribution

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 1964 AND THE 1965 BUDGETS AND ADVANCES TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND

I. DISSOLUTION OF THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

1. The dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on 31 December 1963 (documents L/2110 and L/2167) has necessitated the following actions.

Contributions

2. Rhodesia (formerly Southern Rhodesia): As from 1 January 1964 Rhodesia resumed direct control of its external commercial relations and of other matters provided for in the General Agreement. Based on an estimated value of the country's trade, Rhodesia's contribution to the 1964 budget amounts to 0.5 per cent¹ of the total contributions, i.e. \$6,600.
3. Since the approved 1964 scale of contributions includes an amount of \$6,600 in respect of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, it is proposed that this amount be offset by the amount of \$6,600 assessed on Rhodesia.
4. Malawi (formerly Nyasaland): From 1 January to 5 July 1964 the Government of the United Kingdom assumed direct responsibility for the external commercial relations of this country, including its rights and obligations under the GATT. Effective 6 July 1964 Malawi became a contracting party (document L/2258).
5. The following pro rata assessments of 1964 contributions based on estimated trade value of Malawi are proposed:
 - (a) Assessment on the United Kingdom for the period 1 January to 5 July 1964 (0.032 per cent of the total contributions): \$216.
 - (b) Assessment on Malawi for the period 6 July to 31 December 1964 (\$2,500 per annum):² \$1,223.

¹ Minimum contribution of 0.5 per cent for countries whose share in the total trade of the contracting parties and associated governments is between 0.1 and 0.5 per cent.

² Minimum contribution of US\$2,500 for countries whose share in the total trade of the contracting parties and associated governments is 0.1 per cent or less.

6. Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia): From 1 January to 23 October 1964 the Government of the United Kingdom assumed direct responsibility for the external commercial relations of this country including its rights and obligations under the GATT. As from 24 October 1964 Zambia acquired full responsibility for matters covered by the General Agreement in its territory. Zambia has not yet requested to be deemed a contracting party to the GATT.

7. It is proposed that on the basis of the estimated trade value of Zambia an amount of \$1,853 (0.173 per cent of the total contributions) be assessed on the United Kingdom for the period 1 January to 23 October 1964.

Advances to the Working Capital Fund

8. In accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, which are, as far as appropriate and for the time being, applied to the financial administration of the secretariat, new contracting parties shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund and these advances, made on the basis of the appropriate scale of assessments, shall be carried to the credit of the members which made such advances.

9. An amount of \$1,610.17 stands at the credit of the former Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, which amount is now to be shared in proportion to estimated trade figures among Rhodesia (\$875), Malawi (\$115.64) and Zambia (\$619.53).

10. With respect to the Working Capital Fund advances of Rhodesia and Malawi, it is proposed that the amounts standing to their credit be increased to the minimum assessment as follows:

- (a) Rhodesia - 0.5 per cent of the Principal of the Fund on
1 January 1964: \$1,261.17.
- (b) Malawi - 0.5 per cent of the Principal of the Fund on
6 July 1964: \$1,306.

11. Zambia's share will be kept on the accounts until such time as its Government might request admission as a contracting party.

II. ADMISSION OF MALTA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

12. Following the admission of Malta as a contracting party on 21 September 1964 (document L/2298) it is proposed to assess on Malta the minimum contribution of \$2,500 to the 1965 budget.

13. No pro rata contribution will be assessed on Malta for 1964 as the United Kingdom contribution to the 1964 budget included a contribution on behalf of this country.

14. With respect to the advance to the Working Capital Fund, it is proposed that an amount of \$1,312 (0.5 per cent of the Principal of the Fund on 21 September 1964) be assessed on Malta.

<u>Points for decision:</u>	Paragraph 3
	" 5
	" 7
	" 10
	" 12
	" 14