

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES

Twenty-Second Session

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

### Final 1964 Budget Position

1. In accordance with the CONTRACTING PARTIES standing instructions regarding the reporting of any savings accrued at the end of the financial year, the Executive Secretary's proposals for appropriation of such savings, the final position concerning the transfer of credits between sections of the budget, and any advances made from the Working Capital Fund in respect of the preceding financial year, the Executive Secretary has the honour to submit the following information for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

#### I. INCOME BUDGET

2. The following amounts were credited as income for 1964:

- (a) US\$1,320,000 in contributions assessed on contracting parties in accordance with the scale of contributions as approved for 1964;
- (b) US\$21,486 in additional contributions assessed on six new contracting parties during the financial year 1964;
- (c) US\$115 representing the adjustment of the United Kingdom contribution due to the accession to GATT of Kenya and Malawi and the assessment on behalf of Zambia (documents L/2218 and L/2324);
- (d) US\$55,000 transferred from the Surplus Account in accordance with Resolution contained in document L/2054;
- (e) US\$44,224.47 representing miscellaneous income.

3. It will be noted that additional contributions assessed during the financial year amounted to US\$21,601, which sum was treated as extra budgetary income. Receipts from miscellaneous income exceeded by US\$2,224.47 the amount of US\$42,000 originally estimated for this purpose.

4. At 31 December 1964, contributions in arrears in respect of contracting parties amounted to US\$114,696.42 (Annex A). The situation as regards contributions due by countries having withdrawn from the Agreement has not changed since last year. China and Syria still owe US\$19,689.40 in respect of 1949, 1950 and 1951. The contributions in arrears at 31 December 1964 compare with the figures a year ago of US\$98,783.88 and US\$19,689.40 respectively.

## II. EXPENDITURE BUDGET

5. The CONTRACTING PARTIES appropriated US\$1,417,000 for 1964. In addition to these appropriations the CONTRACTING PARTIES subsequently authorized expenditure in connexion with the establishment of the Trade Information and Trade Promotion Advisory Service, and also in connexion with the revised scales of salaries and post adjustments, originally estimated at US\$68,959, for which financial provision had not been made in the 1964 budget. To finance this additional expenditure the Executive Secretary was authorized in accordance with documents L/2140, L/2184 and L/2217 to use savings within the budget or, to the extent that this proved impossible, to make a withdrawal from the Working Capital Fund, subject to the usual procedure for reimbursement.

6. Excess expenditure has been incurred on the following sections for which authority is sought to increase the original appropriations:

PART I	Section 1 - Sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES	\$ 645.14
PART II	Section 1 - Salaries and wages and official travel	\$89,429.25
	Section 2 - Common staff costs	\$ 1,045.48
	Section 6 - Permanent equipment	<u>\$ 2,168.28</u>
		\$93,288.15
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7. The excess expenditure of US\$89,429.25 under PART II Section 1 has been incurred as follows:

- (a) US\$37,842.36 on the item for salaries and post adjustments of established posts. An additional credit of US\$46,488 was authorized as mentioned in paragraph 5 above;
- (b) US\$39,292.46 representing payments of salaries and wages for temporary assistance;
- (c) US\$7,280.88 on the item for consultants;
- (d) US\$5,013.55 on the item for official travel.

It will be recalled that it was anticipated in paragraph 5 of document L/2305, which was submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES for information, that expenditure under PART II would be in excess of the originally approved credits, mainly due to the very considerable number of temporary appointments which had to be made on an ad hoc basis all through 1964, in order to cope with the heavy workload.

8. Savings were made on PART I Section 3 - Trade Negotiations Conference (US\$20,181.98), PART II Section 3 - Common Services (US\$9,907.19) and Section 4 - Printing (US\$5,418.72). The savings effected on the budget section for the Trade Negotiations Conference are due to the fact that the original estimates were based on the assumption that the conference and its subsidiary committees would meet continuously for six months and that it was therefore necessary to recruit temporary assistance and to rent conference space on a continuing basis for the same period. This, however, has not been the case in 1964. As regards PART II Section 3, the savings made result from reduced expenditure on the item for reproduction and distribution of documents, mainly due to the fact that the number of the documents reproduced for the Trade Negotiations Conference was much lower than originally estimated. Savings effected on the printing item are due to the postponement of the printing of a number of publications foreseen for 1964.

9. To cover the excess expenditure indicated above the following method of financing is proposed:

(a) Transfer of savings between sections of the budget contained in Annex B		\$37,224.45
(b) Utilization of excess of actual 1964 miscellaneous income over budgetary income mentioned in paragraph 3 above		\$ 2,224.47
(c) Utilization of additional contributions assessed during the financial year mentioned in paragraph 3 above	\$21,601.-	
<u>deduct:</u> Transfer to provision for contributions in arrears in accordance with document L/756, paragraph 10	\$15,912.54	\$ 5,688.46
(d) Withdrawal from the Working Capital Fund		<u>\$48,150.77</u>
		\$93,288.15
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### III. SURPLUS ACCOUNT

10. It will be recalled that in accordance with the CONTRACTING PARTIES Decision of 8 August 1964 the entire Surplus Account, standing at US\$92,058.61, is appropriated towards the financing of the construction of the second Annex.

Points for decision: Paragraph 6  
Paragraph 9

ANNEX ACONTRIBUTIONS IN ARREARS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1964

(in US dollars)

(a) Contributions due by contracting parties:

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	Total
Argentina					9,834.08	9,834.08
Brazil 1/					14,990.-	14,990.-
Burma					350.-	350.-
Central African Republic 1/					2,500.-	2,500.-
Chad 1/					2,500.-	2,500.-
Congo (Brazzaville)					2,500.-	2,500.-
Dahomey					2,481.51	2,481.51
Dominican Republic	518.- <sup>1/</sup>	5,000.- <sup>1/</sup>	5,624.-	5,750.-	6,600.-	23,492.-
Haiti			4,015.03	2,500.-	2,500.-	9,015.03
Italy 1/					13,043.80	13,043.80
Malawi					1,223.-	1,223.-
Niger					2,500.-	2,500.-
Peru					998.-	998.-
United Kingdom 1/					2,069.-	2,069.-
Senegal				5,750.-	6,600.-	12,350.-
Sierra Leone 1/					2,500.-	2,500.-
Uruguay				5,750.-	6,600.-	12,350.-
	518.-	5,000.-	9,639.03	19,750.-	79,789.39	114,696.42

(b) Contributions due by countries having withdrawn from the Agreement:

	1949	1950	1951	Total
China	3,750.-	10,601.72		14,351.72
Syria		2,650.43	2,687.25	5,337.68
	3,750.-	13,252.15	2,687.25	19,689.40

<sup>1</sup>Contributions received since 31 December.

ANNEX B

PROPOSED TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGETARY SECTIONS

(in US dollars)

<u>FROM:</u>		<u>TO:</u>	
<u>PART I/Section 2 - Meetings of the Council and other Meetings</u>		<u>PART I/Section 1 - Sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES</u>	
Rental of meeting rooms and additional office space	339.69	(a) <u>Resumption of the twenty-first session</u>	
Other services	166.89		
	<u>506.58</u>	Temporary assistance (including overtime)	<u>645.14</u>
<u>PART I/Section 3 - Trade Negotiations Conference</u>		<u>PART II/Section 1 - Salaries and Wages and official Travel</u>	
Temporary assistance (including overtime)	18,481.93	Established posts	<u>36,579.31</u>
Travel and subsistence of temporary staff	196.56		
Rental of meeting rooms and additional office space	606.83		
Other services	896.66		
	<u>20,181.98</u>		
<u>PART II/Section 3 - Common Services</u>			
Reproduction and distribution of documents	8,705.93		
External audit	18.52		
Other services and miscellaneous expenditure	1,182.74		
	<u>9,907.19</u>		
<u>PART II/Section 4 - Printing</u>	<u>5,418.72</u>		
<u>PART II/Section 5 - Hospitality</u>	<u>858.13</u>		
<u>PART III/Section 1 - Annuity to Canton of Geneva</u>	<u>351.85</u>		
	<u>37,224.45</u>		
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