

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## CHANGE OF TITLE "EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" TO "DIRECTOR-GENERAL"

Decision of 23 March 1965

Considering that the title Director-General appears more appropriate for the Head of the secretariat of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade:

### THE CONTRACTING PARTIES:

1. Decide that whenever the words "Executive Secretary" have been heretofore used in any decision, document or action taken or issued by virtue of the authority of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, such words shall hereafter be deemed to read "Director-General" and shall mean Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The phrase "any decision, document or action taken or issued by virtue of the authority of the CONTRACTING PARTIES" shall include within its meaning, but not be limited to, the following:

any resolution, decision, report, finding, document or any other action whatsoever taken or issued by

- (i) the CONTRACTING PARTIES
- (ii) the Council of Representatives
- (iii) any body, committee, sub-committee, working group, action group, etc. established by virtue of the authority of the CONTRACTING PARTIES
- (iv) the Executive Secretary or his representatives.

The Director-General shall have all the duties, powers, privileges and responsibilities heretofore granted the Executive Secretary by the CONTRACTING PARTIES or by virtue of the authority of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, including but not limited to the functions of the Executive Secretary as Depository Agent under all protocols and other instruments of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

2. Decide further that wherever a change in duties or powers from the Executive Secretary to the Director-General requires a protocol of amendment or action other than a decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, including but not limited to duties or powers conferred upon the Executive Secretary by the General Agreement or the text of protocols thereto, these duties and powers shall be exercised by the person holding the position of Director-General, who shall for this purpose also hold the position of Executive Secretary.

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