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Note by the Director-General

Subsequent to the meeting of the Council on 26 July 1977 (C/M/122) the following letters have been exchanged between the Swiss Département politique fédéral and the Director-General relating to application to GATT, by analogy, of the Agreement on privileges and immunities of the United Nations concluded between the Swiss Federal Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 19 April 1946.

I

Bern, 18 August 1977

Sir,

Following the recent discussions between representatives of the Département politique fédéral and members of the GATT secretariat, we have the honour to advise you that the federal authorities are prepared to apply to GATT, by analogy, the Agreement on privileges and immunities of the United Nations concluded between the Swiss Federal Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 19 April 1946.

We would be glad if you would kindly confirm your agreement to the foregoing. This letter and your reply will then be considered as an agreement between the federal authorities and the Director-General of GATT, acting in the name of and on behalf of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. This agreement can be denounced at any time by either of the parties, subject to one year's advance notice.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Director of the International
Organizations Division

F. de Ziegler

Mr. Olivier Long,
Director-General of GATT,
Geneva.

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II

Geneva, 18 August 1977

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, reading as follows:

"Following the recent discussions between representatives of the Département politique fédéral and members of the GATT secretariat, we have the honour to advise you that the federal authorities are prepared to apply to GATT, by analogy, the Agreement on privileges and immunities of the United Nations concluded between the Swiss Federal Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 19 April 1946.

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In reply, I have the honour to inform you that the proposals which form the subject of your letter reproduced above were approved by the Council of Representatives at its meeting on 26 July 1977. In consequence, your letter together with this reply constitute an agreement between the Federal Authorities and the Director-General of GATT, acting in the name and on behalf of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Olivier Long

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