

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Limited Distribution

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ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
1978 BUDGET AND ADVANCE TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND

Note by the Director-General

1. Following the accession to the GATT of Surinam (document L/4648) it is proposed that a contribution to the 1978 budget amounting to SwF 45,400 be assessed on this Government. This assessment represents the minimum contribution of 0.12 per cent applicable to countries whose share in the total trade of the contracting parties and associated governments is 0.12 per cent or less.
2. Surinam has applied the General Agreement on a de facto basis since 25 November 1975 and therefore, on its accession, acquired the rights and obligations of the General Agreement from that date. However, no retroactive assessment will be made on Surinam, in accordance with the proposals contained in document L/2051, adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 5 March 1964.
3. In conformity with the Rules governing the use of the Working Capital Fund, a government acceding to the General Agreement shall make an advance to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale of contributions applicable to the budget of the year of its accession. The minimum advance to the Working Fund amounts to 0.5 per cent of the principal of the Fund for countries whose share of the total trade of the contracting parties and associated governments is 0.5 per cent or less. Such advances shall be carried to the credit of the contracting parties which have made them.
4. On the basis of the level of the Working Capital Fund of SwF 1,431,124 on 1 January 1978, it is proposed to assess an amount of SwF 7,155 on the Government of Surinam as an advance to the Fund.

POINTS FOR DECISION: Paragraph 1  
Paragraph 4

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