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## TRAINING ACTIVITIES

### The GATT Commercial Policy Courses

#### Note by the Director-General

1. This year, with the start of the 50th Course, the GATT marks the 25th anniversary of its commercial policy courses. Since the first course in 1955, 730 officials from 106 countries and two regional organizations have attended the fifty courses organized in Geneva (see Annex A). Interest in these courses has continued to increase and, in recent years, the demand for places on these commercial policy courses has far exceeded the number of available fellowships.
2. During the year 1980, two courses in commercial policy were held in Geneva: the first, for English-speaking participants, from February to June, and the second, which is in progress at the moment, from August to December, for French-speaking participants. The participants received fellowships granted by the GATT secretariat. The courses - which have been a substantial activity of the GATT secretariat over the last twenty-five years - are open to government officials, largely from the developing countries, whether they are contracting parties to the GATT or not, who have, or may have in the future, responsibilities in the formulation and conduct of foreign trade policy inside their countries' administrations.
3. In 1980, the Forty-ninth Course (February-June) was attended by twenty-two officials while twenty-one others are at present attending the Fiftieth Course (August-December). The participants in these two courses are listed in Annex B.
4. The programme of the course, which covers topical questions in the field of international economic relations, includes lectures and discussions on the principles and the structure of international trade, the working out and implementation of trade policy, the principal problems and sectors of international trade, the expansion of trade and the promotion of exports of the developing countries, the provisions of the General Agreement, the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and the various GATT bodies, the relationship between international trade and monetary problems and, especially, the results of the Tokyo Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Particular emphasis is laid on practical work, which involves the organization of seminars and group discussions on a subject of particular interest to the participants. In addition to GATT secretariat officials, a number of guest lecturers are invited to contribute to the courses, including senior officials of delegations and of international organizations and, occasionally, members of the academic world or from the private sector. Opportunities are also provided, whenever possible, for participants to attend meetings of GATT, so as to allow them to gain direct knowledge of the methods and procedures followed by the GATT in dealing with specific problems.

5. Towards the end of the course, to round up the practical aspect of the training, a fortnight's study tour abroad takes place, during which the host governments prepare a work programme that allows participants to get acquainted with the trade policy of the countries concerned, to visit industrial and commercial centres, and to establish useful relations with both the public and the private sectors. During the course, three or four days are also reserved for study visits in Switzerland.

6. At the invitation of the Government of Turkey, participants in the Forty-ninth Course visited this country where a most instructive programme had been prepared for them. Participants in the Fiftieth Course will be visiting Portugal and France at the invitation of the authorities concerned.

7. The Director-General wishes to express his gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme for its cooperation in the implementation of the fellowships, to the governments which have kindly received the participants during visits and study tours for their cooperation and hospitality, and to those lecturers from outside the GATT who have given their time to participate in the courses.

8. Apart from the above, the GATT secretariat also organized, within the framework of its Training Programmes, two special three-week courses for the least-developed countries in order to help them assess the results of the Tokyo Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. The Courses, which were made possible through the financial support of the Nordic countries of Finland, Norway and Sweden, were designed to be a contribution towards the pursuance of the objectives embodied in the Tokyo Declaration, which gave special consideration to the problem of the least-developed among the developing countries. (A list of the participants is contained in Annex C.)

ANNEX AArea Distribution of Participants in the Geneva Courses  
from December 1955 to December 1980

	Fellowship Holders	Non-Fellowship Participants
<u>Africa</u> (Thirty-nine countries)	<u>214</u>	<u>3</u>
Algeria	3	
Benin	6	
Burundi	7	
Cameroon	7	
Central African Republic	4	
Chad	2	
Congo	8	
Egypt	24	1
Ethiopia	2	
Gabon	4	
Gambia	2	
Ghana	12	1
Guinea	2	
Guinea-Bissau	1	
Ivory Coast	2	
Kenya	3	
Lesotho	1	
Libya	2	
Madagascar	17	
Malawi	10	
Mali	8	
Mauritius	2	
Morocco	3	
Niger	2	
Nigeria	13	
Rhodesia and Nyasaland (ex. Fed. of)	4	
Rwanda	2	
Senegal	9	
Sierra Leone	4	
Somalia	2	
Sudan	5	
Swaziland	1	
Tanzania	6	
Togo	10	
Tunisia	7	
Uganda	3	
Upper Volta	2	
Zambia	1	
Zaire	11	1

	Fellowship Holders	Non-Fellowship Participants
<u>Asia</u> (excluding Middle East) (Twenty-four countries)	<u>156</u>	<u>9</u>
Afghanistan	1	
Bangladesh	6	
Burma	8	
China	1	
Fiji	1	
Hong Kong	9	5
India	25	
Indonesia	13	
Iran	5	
Japan		3
Kampuchea	3	
Korea	10	
Lao	2	
Malaysia	10	
Nepal	3	
Pakistan	13	
Papua New Guinea	1	
Philippines	14	
Singapore	3	
Sri Lanka	13	
Thailand	10	1
Tonga	1	
Vietnam	2	
Other	2	
<u>Middle East</u> (Seven countries)	<u>54</u>	<u>1</u>
Iraq	2	
Israel	12	1
Jordan	1	
Lebanon	5	
Saudi Arabia	1	
Syria	12	
Turkey	21	
<u>Latin America and Caribbean Area</u> (Twenty-three countries) (Two organizations)	<u>170</u>	<u>16</u>
Argentina	15	
Barbados	2	
Bolivia	5	
Brazil	15	
Chile	13	1
Colombia	12	

	Fellowship Holders	Non-Fellowship Participants
<u>Latin America and Caribbean Area</u> (contd.)		
Costa Rica	2	
Cuba	17	4
Dominican Republic	2	
Ecuador	8	
El Salvador	1	
Guatemala	1	
Haiti	9	
Honduras	2	
Jamaica	4	
Mexico	10	3
Nicaragua	3	1
Panama	1	1
Paraguay	3	1
Peru	15	
Trinidad and Tobago	5	1
Uruguay	9	1
Venezuela	8	3
LAFTA	6	
SIECA	2	
<u>Europe (Thirteen countries)</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>10</u>
Bulgaria	11	
Cyprus	1	
Czechoslovakia	2	2
Finland	3	
Germany, Fed. Rep. of		2
Greece	19	
Hungary	10	
Malta	3	1
Poland	16	3
Portugal	6	1
Romania	15	
Spain	1	1
Yugoslavia	10	
<u>TOTAL (One hundred and six countries and two organizations)</u>	<u>691</u>	<u>39</u>

ANNEX B

Participants in the Forty-Ninth and Fiftieth  
Geneva Courses

1. Forty-Ninth (English-speaking) Commercial Policy Course - February- June 1980

<u>Country</u>	<u>Name and Title</u>
Argentina	Miss Leonilda B. DIAZ Holton, Commercial Secretary, Secretariat of State for External Trade and International Economic Negotiations, Buenos Aires.
Bangladesh	Mr. Khondkar Ahmed TAJUDDIN, Section Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Dacca.
Brazil	Mr. Fredrik Pitta ENGELHART, Division Manager, International Department (LAFTA), Council of Customs Policy, Ministry of Finance, Rio de Janeiro.
Cyprus	Mr. Andreas SOFOCLEOUS, Commercial Officer, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Nicosia.
Colombia	Mr. Juan MESA Arevalo, Economic Advisor (Research), Banco de la Republica, Bogota.
Ecuador	Mr. Ramiro BAEZ Maya, Specialist in External Trade, Ministry of Industries, Commerce and Integration, Quito.
Hong Kong	Miss Maureen LEUNG Mong-lin, Trade Officer, Certification Branch, Trade, Industry and Customs Department, Hong Kong.
India	Mr. Rajinder SINGH, Deputy Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi.
Indonesia	Miss Fauzia FACHRUDDIN, Head, Section of the ASEAN-EEC Economic and Trade Cooperation, Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives, Jakarta.
Jamaica	Mrs. Mavis E. CAMPBELL, Administrator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingston.
Malawi	Mr. Obedy E.A. MAKHENJERA, Trade Officer, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Lilongwe.
Malaysia	Mr. NOORDIN Azhari, Assistant Director, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Kuala Lumpur.
Nigeria	Miss Oluwayemisi A. ADEWUSI, Administrative Officer, Economic Division, Federal Ministry of Commerce, Lagos.
Pakistan	Mr. Dawar BADR, Section Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
Peru	Mr. Luis E. GUERRERO Arias, Director for Analysis and Valuation for External Trade, Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Tourism and Integration, Lima.

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Country	Name and Title
Poland	Miss Malgorzata SECOMSKA, Counsellor, Trade Policy Department III, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Shipping, Warsaw.
Singapore	Miss TAN Siew Yong, Research Officer, Department of Trade, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore.
Sri Lanka	Mr. Manickam SUNDARALINGAM, Assistant Director of Commerce, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Trade and Shipping, Colombo.
Swaziland	Mr. Amos MBHAMALI, Commercial Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Tourism, Mbabane.
Thailand	Mr. Kosit CHATPAIBOON, Third Secretary, Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok.
Trinidad and Tobago	Mr. Motee S. RAMSARAN, Economist, International Trade Section, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Port-of-Spain.
Turkey	Mr. Ugur ERGUN, First Secretary, Department of International Economic Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara.

2. Fiftieth (French-speaking) Commercial Policy Course - August - December 1980

Country	Name and Title
Algeria	Mr. Belkacem CHENOUNE, Studies Officer, Foreign Relations Directorate, Secretariat of State for Foreign Trade, Algiers.
Bolivia	Miss Myrna Julia PALACIOS Antezana, Second Secretary, Cultural Affairs Secretariat, Ministry of External Relations and Ecclesiastical Affairs, La Paz.
Brazil	Mr. Luiz Carlos DE BRITO Lourenço, Technical Assistant, Foreign Trade Bureau, Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro.
Cameroon	Mr. François ETOGA ABANDA, Chief of Foreign Trade Bureau, Ministry of Economy and Planning, Yaoundé.
Central African Republic	Mr. Moïse KOTAYE, Chief of Foreign Trade Planning and Programming Service, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Bangui.
China	Mr. LIU Xianming, Assistant Chief of Division, Department of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Peking.
Congo	Mr. Paul GULU, First Counsellor to the Minister of Trade, Ministry of Trade, Brazzaville.
Cuba	Mrs. Raquel GONZALEZ Carrillo, Specialist in Commercial Policy, Directorate for International Organizations, Department of Commercial Policy with Capitalist Countries, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Havana.
Gabon	Mr. Emile LOUNDOU, Administrative Assistant, Ministry of Trade and Industrial Development, Libreville.
Guinea	Mr. Ansoumane SAKO, Chief, International Organizations Section, Bureau of Studies, Statistics and Documentation, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Conakry.
Haiti	Mr. Lionel Jacques DESIR, Assistant Director, Foreign Trade Division, Department of Trade and Industry, Port-au-Prince.
Madagascar	Mr. Henri G.B. ANDRIANANTOANDRO, Head, Multilateral Relations Division, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Antananarivo.
Mauritius	Mr. Parrwiz C. HOSSEN, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, c/o Embassy of Mauritius at Brussels, Belgium.
Peru	Miss Pilar VERAU Alvarez, Marketing Specialist, Analysis and Evaluation Bureau, Directorate-General for Foreign Trade, Lima.
Portugal	Mrs. Alzira da Encarnação das Neves CABRITA, Senior Technician, Macroeconomic Planning Bureau, Central Planning Department, Lisbon.
Romania	Mr. Florica BARBU, Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest.



Country	Name and Title
Senegal	Mr. Armand J.J. NANGA, Customs Inspector, International Relations Division, Directorate for Customs Studies and Regulations, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Dakar.
Togo	Mr. Koussanta T. GANDA, Officer, International Relations, GATT/UNCTAD Documents Studies, Ministry of Trade and Transport, Lomé.
Tunisia	Mr. Moncef BAATI, Foreign Affairs Secretary, General Directorate for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tunis.
Venezuela	Miss Velia M. VILLEGAS Bartolozzi, Second Secretary, Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of External Relations, Caracas.
Zaire	Mr. Ngobila W. MBOMBANGI, Chief of Section, General Board for Planning, Kinshasa.

ANNEX C

Participants in the Special Courses  
for Least-Developed Countries I and II  
Organized at Geneva

1. Special (Bilingual) Course for Least-Developed Countries I - January/February 198

<u>Country</u>	<u>Name and Title</u>
Afghanistan (E)	Mr. Abdul Saboor ARIAYI, Director of Evaluation and Monitoring, Ministry of Commerce, Kabul.
Bangladesh (E)	Mr. Syedur RAHMAN, Assistant Trade Consultant, Ministry of Commerce, Dacca.
Benin (F)	Miss Abida ALIMI, Studies Officer, Ministry of Commerce and Tourism, Cotonou.
Burundi (F)	Mr. Léonce BARANSHARITSE, Inspector for External Trade, Department of External Trade, Bujumbura.
Burundi (F)	Mr. Joseph KANDEKE, Representative of the Department of External Trade, Bank of the Republic of Burundi, Bujumbura.
Central African Republic (F)	Mrs. Jacqueline E. ODOUDOU, Chief, Service of the Promotion of External Trade and International Trade Relations, Ministry of Transport, Commerce and Industry, Bangui.
Central African Republic (F)	Mr. Roger BAGUENE, Chief, Service of the Promotion of External Trade, Ministry of Transport, Commerce and Industry, Bangui.
Chad (F)	Mr. Mahamat MAHAMAT-SENOUSSI, Attaché, External Trade Division, General Directorate for Economy, Commerce and Industry, N'Djamena.
Ethiopia (E)	Mr. Laine KAHSU, Expert, International Division, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Addis Ababa.
Ethiopia (E)	Mr. Million W. MASKEL, Head of Department, Planning and Programming Department, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Addis Ababa.
Gabon (F)	Miss Marie-Zacharie ALENE-SIMA, Studies Officer, Directorate for External Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industrial Development, Libreville.
Guinea (F)	Mr. Alpha Mamadou BAH, Chief, Price Control Service, Prices Division, National Company IMPORTEX, Conakry.
Haiti (F)	Mr. Ijoassin CLERMONT, Specialist, Department of Commerce and Industry, Port-au-Prince.
Haiti (F)	Mr. Louis Harold JOSEPH, Responsible for Trade Information Centre for Industrial and Trade Information, Department of Commerce and Industry, Port-au-Prince.

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(F): French

Country	Name and Title
Malawi (E)	Mr. Elias U. NGONGONDO, Assistant Trade Officer, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Lilongwe.
Malawi (E)	Mr. Ledson W. SANDALAMU, Chief Executive Officer, Customs and Excise Department, Limbe.
Mali (F)	Mr. Adama KANTE, Chief of Section, Division of Studies and Trade, Malian Centre for External Trade, Bamako.
Mali (F)	Mr. Sagaïdou F. MAIGA, Assistant Director-General for Economic Affairs, Directorate for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Commerce, Bamako.
Mali (F)	Mr. Bounafou TOURE, Chief of Division, Division of Studies and Trade, Malian Centre for External Trade, Bamako.
Nepal (E)	Mr. Baidya N. MALLIK, Section Officer, Department of Customs, Kathmandu.
Rwanda (F)	Mr. Edouard KAREMANGINGO, Chief, Exports Division, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Kigali.
Samoa (E)	Mr. Mose SUA, Development Officer, Economic Planning and Development, Apia.
Somalia (E)	Mr. Abdurahman M. YUSUF, Deputy Director, Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce, Mogadiscio.
Sudan (E)	Mr. Mirghani M. ABDALLA, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Sudan in Geneva.
Tanzania (E)	Mr. Jacob A. KABIGUMILA, Economist, Ministry of Trade, Planning Section, Dar Es Salaam.
Tanzania (E)	Mrs. Regis K. NKOMOLLA, Trade Officer, Ministry of Trade, Dar Es Salaam.
Uganda (E)	Mrs. Naomi Adong WANYAMA, Trade Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Kampala.
Democratic Yemen (E)	Mr. Abdul R.A.A. SADIQ, Director-General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Trade and Supply, Aden.
Zambia (E)	Mr. Edward J. CHANDA, Principal, Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Lusaka.

2. Special (Bilingual) Course for Least-Developed Countries II - July/August 1980

Country	Name and Title
Afghanistan (E)	Mr. Abdul Hadi TARAKI, General Director of Planning, Ministry of Commerce, Kabul.
Benin (F)	Miss Eugénie DEGUENON, Inspector-Verifier, Custom House of Cotonou-Port, Customs Directorate, Cotonou.
Bhutan (E)	Mr. Dorji TSHERING, Assistant Director, Department of Trade and Industry, Royal Government of Bhutan, Thimphu.
Burundi (F)	Mr. Antoine KAYONGA, Counsellor, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Bujumbura.
Central African Republic (F)	Mr. Marcel MOYOUANA, Chief of Section, Documentation and Archives, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Bangui.
Congo (F)	Mr. Martin N'GANTSELE, Director of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Brazzaville.
Ethiopia (E)	Mr. Hailu WONDAFRASH, Team Leader, Foreign Trade Corporation Management Team, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Addis Ababa.
Ethiopia (E)	Mr. Fisseha TEKESTE, Expert, Trade Department of Man-Power, Development and Labour, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Addis Ababa.
Fiji (E)	Mr. Jamuna P. MAHARAJ, Senior Assistant Secretary for Trade and Administration, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Suva.
Guinea (F)	Mr. Yaya CHERIF, Director of Imports, IMPORTEX, Conakry.
Equatorial Guinea (F)	Mr. Tomas ESONO AVA, Technical Director of Customs, Ministry of Finance and Trade, Malabo.
Equatorial Guinea (F)	Mr. Salvador MBA EDU, Head of Department, Ministry of Finance and Trade, Malabo.
Haiti (F)	Mr. Stanley THEARD, Director, Economic Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Port-au-Prince.
Lesotho (E)	Mr. Bond K.J. LIBETSO, Trade Relations Officer, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Maseru.
Malawi (E)	Mr. Donald A. CHOZENGA, Chief Executive Officer, Customs and Excise - Head Office, Blantyre.
Malawi (E)	Mr. Horace C.K. MUSUKWA, Assistant Trade Officer, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Capital City, Lilongwe.
Maldives (E)	Mr. Ahmed AHMED, Assistant Director, Department of Finance, Male.

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Country	Name and Title
Mali (F)	Mr. Mohamed F. DICKO, Head Legislation Division, Ministry of Finance and Commerce, Bamako.
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Rwanda (F)	Mr. Alphonse NTABAHWANA, Attaché, Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Kigali.
Somalia (E)	Mr. A. Hussen ISSA, Deputy Director, Statistics and Research Department, Ministry of Commerce, Mogadiscio.
Sudan (E)	Mr. Ibrahim A. MOHAMED, Senior Inspector, Ministry of Commerce and Supply, Khartoum.
Tanzania (E)	Mr. Israel E.M. MOLLEL, Trade Officer, Foreign Trade Division, Multilateral and Bilateral Trade, Ministry of Trade, Dar Es Salaam.
Tanzania (E)	Miss Kessi-Sia MBATIA, Senior Economist, Bank of Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam.
Uganda (E)	Mr. Bwanika J. DDUNGU, Senior Commercial Officer, External Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce, Kampala.
Upper Volta (F)	Mr. Jean-Baptiste A. KAWANE, Counsellor for Economic Affairs, Department of Regulation, General Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Trade, Ouagadougou.
Western Samoa (E)	Mr. Poufa S. TE'O, Chief Examining Officer, Customs Department, Prime Minister's Department, Apia.
CARICOM (E)	Mr. Stanley C. ODLE, Chief, Customs and Trade Policy Section, Caribbean Community Secretariat, Georgetown. (Guyana)