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DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE
1988 ACCOUNTS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

and

REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR THEREON

DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE
1988 ACCOUNTS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

1. The Director-General hereby submits his report on the accounts of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the financial year ended 31 December 1988. Since 1 January 1973 the annual accounts have been presented in Swiss francs.

GENERAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account

(Statements 1 and 2)

(i) Expenditure

2. Appropriations for the financial year 1988 were originally approved at a level of Sw F 61,549,000. This amount was subsequently reduced to Sw F 61,439,000 as the United Nations General Assembly did not approve the increase in the contribution to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as was anticipated (L/6384). As shown in Statement 1, obligations incurred during the year totalled Sw F 61,437,819, leaving an unencumbered balance of Sw F 1,181.

3. The Council approved transfers of Sw F 698,871 (document L/6482) which were necessary in order to cover excess expenditure over approved appropriations incurred in Part I - Section 2 - Meetings of the Council and other meetings; Part II - Section 7 - Common Services; Section 8 - Printing; Section 10 - Permanent Equipment and Part V - Section 14 - Uruguay Round. This amount was covered by savings which occurred in Part I - Section 1 - Forty-fourth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES; Part II - Section 3 - Salaries; Section 4 - Dispute Settlement Panels; Section 5 - Missions; Section 6 - Common Staff Costs; Section 9 - Representation and Hospitality; Part IV - Section 13 - Trade Policy Training Courses; Part VI - Section 15 - Integrated Data Base and Part VII Section 16 - Contribution to the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT.

4. In connection with the running of the Snack-Bar, subsidies in the form of free accommodation, electricity, heating, water supply, insurance premiums, etc., were charged to relevant budget items in 1988. In addition, expenditure of Sw F 5,887 was incurred for the purchase and maintenance of canteen equipment.

(ii) Income

(a) Contributions

5. At the adoption of the income budget, 1988 contributions were assessed on contracting parties in the amount of Sw F 60,300,000. Subsequently, the Council, on the recommendation of the Budget Committee, decided to reduce the assessed contributions to Sw F 60,190,000 for the reason already outlined at paragraph 2 above. It was also decided to assess an amount of

Sw F 72,228 on Lesotho consequent on its accession to the GATT (L/6306). Conversely, the Budget Committee agreed to list Democratic Kampuchea outside the scale of contributions pending further considerations (L/6408). As a result the total of the 1988 assessed contributions was Sw F 60,190,000. Collections as at 31 December 1988 in respect of 1988 contributions represented Sw F 57,290,920.

(b) Miscellaneous Income

6. For 1988, miscellaneous income amounted to Sw F 1,072,239 against an estimate of Sw F 1,249,000. The details, compared with those of 1987, are as follows:

	<u>1987</u> <u>Sw F</u>	<u>1988</u> <u>Sw F</u>
Interest on investments	169,033	200,954
Sale of publications	76,844	179,728
Profit (or loss) on exchange resulting from the difference between the UN accounting rate and the market rate	125,438	(51,006)
Savings on previous year's outstanding obligations	117,926	4,796
Refund of staff costs for staff employed at Centre William Rappard on behalf of other occupants	684,058	681,905
Rental of meeting rooms and office space at Centre William Rappard to others	18,850	17,850
Overhead for Seminars on Regional Trade Policy (1987) and Uruguay Round (1988)	15,177	12,067
Others	<u>53,766</u>	<u>25,945</u>
	<u>1,261,092</u>	<u>1,072,239</u>

7. Other income for 1988 comprises the following:

	<u>Sw F</u>
Refund of prior year's expenditure	21,762
Work done for delegations and others	1,490
Various	<u>2,693</u>
	<u>25,945</u>

Surplus Account

(Statement 3)

(i) Debits

8. The advance of Sw F 3,125,514 which was made at 31 December 1987 was refunded to the Working Capital Fund. The excess of expenditure over income amounted to Sw F 175,580. Finally, Sw F 1,727 corresponding to irrecoverable debts were written off.

(ii) Credits

9. Due to an improvement in the rate of receipt of contributions from contracting parties at 31 December 1988 it has been possible to decrease the provision for all contracting parties contributions in arrears by Sw F 3,030,756. The 1988 deficit of Sw F 272,065 has been met by a transfer from the Working Capital Fund.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(Statement 4)

(i) Assets

(a) Cash

10. Cash in hand represented Sw F 5,000 at 31 December 1988.

(b) Contributions receivable from contracting parties

11. Contributions receivable from contracting parties amounted to Sw F 18,818,650 at 31 December 1988 as shown in Schedule B, compared with Sw F 22,572,611 at the end of 1987.

(c) Miscellaneous accounts receivable

12. Miscellaneous accounts receivable at 31 December 1988 totalled Sw F 1,706,912. This amount included outstanding invoices in respect of sales of publications and services totalling Sw F 283,534; education grants: Sw F 418,000; travel and subsistence allowances: Sw F 15,852; insurance premiums: Sw F 33,750; recoverable Swiss Federal taxes: Sw F 136,172; prepaid 1989 expenditures: Sw F 466,358; Ministerial meeting Montreal (to be funded by the Canadian Government): Sw F 302,831; US taxes: Sw F 33,764 and miscellaneous items: Sw F 16,651.

(ii) Liabilities

(a) Miscellaneous accounts payable

13. Miscellaneous accounts payable at 31 December 1988 amounted to Sw F 45,405 and included the following: payment to a staff member's dependent in respect of insurance compensation: Sw F 14,705; telephone bills: Sw F 8,889; miscellaneous: Sw F 21,811.

(b) Contributions paid in advance

14. Advance receipts pertaining to 1989 assessments amounted to Sw F 4,595,676.

(c) Reserve for 1988 obligations outstanding as at 31 December 1988

15. The items contained in this reserve of Sw F 1,204,667 include the following: salaries and overtime: Sw F 147,924; missions: Sw F 23,515; travel and removal expenses of staff: Sw F 32,767; travel on home leave: Sw F 72,015; family allowances: Sw F 12,000; education grants: Sw F 6,885; joint services: Sw F 33,500; cables, telex and telephone communications: Sw F 31,254; rental of offices: Sw F 56,100; telephone (rental): Sw F 36,058; insurance: Sw F 99,731; maintenance: Sw F 48,751; contractual cleaning: Sw F 39,047; postage: Sw F 110,000; stationery and office supplies: Sw F 9,682; reproduction: Sw F 77,783; electronic data processing: Sw F 214,580; printing: Sw F 69,366; permanent equipment: Sw F 17,775; miscellaneous: Sw F 65,934.

(d) Provision for losses and returns in respect of sales of publications

16. Irrecoverable debts in respect of publications amounting to Sw F 558 were written off in 1988 against this provision.

(e) Provision for contributions in arrears

17. Sw F 18,818,650 covered all contributions in arrears as at 31 December 1988.

(f) Trainees' accommodation fund

18. This Fund was created in 1982 by the Nordic countries to cover excess accommodation costs for participants in GATT Trade Policy Training Courses. The balance represented Sw F 50,634 as at 31 December 1988. The corresponding balance at 31 December 1987 was Sw F 72,017. Sw F 21,383 were used with the approval of the donors to cover the travel costs of the commercial policy course trainees study tour to Spain in 1988.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(Statement 5)

19. The principal of the Working Capital Fund stood at Sw F 3,460,131 at 31 December 1988. Sw F 1,926,877, of which Sw F 77,323 represented interest earned on investments in 1988, was held to the credit of GATT. Sw F 1,533,254 represented advances made by contracting parties and was held to their credit.

20. In addition, an amount of Sw F 54,546 resulting from the revised assessment in 1965 of advances to the Fund (L/2482) remained to the credit of governments' accounts.

21. Sw F 272,065 had been transferred from the Working Capital Fund to the General Fund to cover the 1988 deficit.

TRUST FUND FOR WORKSHOPS ON NEGOTIATION TECHNIQUES

(Statement 6)

22. Workshops on Negotiation Techniques have been organized for the 65th and 66th Trade Policy Training Courses under the financial sponsorship of the Government of Switzerland. These workshops took place in April and September 1983. Payments totalling Sw F 11,240 have been incurred. A refund of Sw F 1,140 was made to the donor Government.

TRUST FUND FOR SEMINAR ON THE URUGUAY ROUND FOR ASEAN COUNTRIES

(Statement 7)

23. A seminar on the Uruguay Round for Asean Countries was held in Jakarta in 1988 under the financial sponsorship of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. At 31 December 1988 payments totalling Sw F 62,511 had been incurred with a balance of Sw F 4,011 still owed to GATT.

TRUST FUND FOR SEMINAR ON THE URUGUAY ROUND FOR ESCAP COUNTRIES

(Statement 8)

24. A seminar on the Uruguay Round for ESCAP Countries was held in Bangkok in 1988 and a seminar workshop on the Integrated Data Base took place in Geneva. Both seminars were under the financial sponsorship of the European Community. Payments totalling Sw F 46,259 had been incurred at 31 December 1988 against the amount of Sw F 77,063 received. An unexpended balance of Sw F 30,804 remained at 31 December 1988.

TRUST FUND FOR THE INDEPENDENT GROUP TO STUDY THE TRADING SYSTEM

(Statement 9)

25. This Group, the creation of which was announced at the Council Meeting on 22 November 1983, completed its task with the publication in March 1985 of a report published under the title "Trade Policies for a Better Future - Proposals for Action". Grants totalling Sw F 379,596 had been received at 31 December 1988. Moreover, for each copy of the report for which payment has been received, an amount of Sw F 3.50 corresponding to the printing costs has been credited to the Trust Fund. This corresponds to an additional income of Sw F 3,594 for the Trust Fund. The difference between the sale price and Sw F 3.50 has been credited to the General Fund to compensate for the charges incurred by GATT regarding the preparation of the report (mailing, postage, invoicing, etc.).

26. As at 31 December 1988 payments amounting to Sw F 399,244 and Sw F 6,548, representing interest on the sums advanced, had been credited to the General Fund. The balance still to be recovered amounts to Sw F 22,602.

TRUST FUND FOR REGIONAL TRADE POLICY SEMINARS HELD IN 1987

(Statement 10)

27. An unexpended balance of Sw F 13,769 remained at 1 January 1988 in respect of three seminars on trade policy held in 1987 under the financial sponsorship of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. A credit note received on two air tickets for an amount of Sw F 3,432 together with an adjustment to overhead costs of Sw F 446 gave a total refund of unspent balance to the sponsoring Government in the amount of Sw F 17,647.

NON-EXPENDABLE EQUIPMENT

28. The value at cost at the time of acquisition through the GATT budget of furniture, equipment (other than minor items) and vehicles still in use amounted to Sw F 5,907,248 at 31 December 1988, as noted on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Statement 4).

(Signed)

Arthur Dunkel
Director-General

(Signed)

E. von Holzen
Director
Administrative and Financial Division

REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR ON THE ACCOUNTS OF
THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988

General

1. In accordance with decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations are, as far as appropriate and for the time being, applied to the financial administration of the Secretariat to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The examination has been carried out in accordance with those regulations and rules and with the financial Resolutions and Decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Outturn in 1988

2. Appropriations originally authorized by the CONTRACTING PARTIES for 1988 were Sw F 61,549,000 (Statement 1), to be financed by contributions of Sw F 60,300,000 and estimated miscellaneous income of Sw F 1,249,000.

3. As pointed out in paragraph 2 of the Director-General's Financial Report on the 1988 accounts, the 1988 Expenditure Budget has been reduced to Sw F 61,439,000 and the contributions assessed on contracting parties to Sw F 60,190,000.

4. The total expenditure in 1988 of Sw F 61,437,819 was Sw F 1,181 less than the revised budgetary appropriation of Sw F 61,439,000 authorized by the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The excess of expenditure over income for 1988 totalling Sw F 175,580 (Statement 2), comprising budgetary savings of Sw F 1,181 (Statement 1), and the shortfall miscellaneous income of Sw F 176,761, was transferred to the Surplus Account (Statement 3).

5. As shown in Statement 3, the deficit at the end of the year 1988 amounted to Sw F 272,065. This was the result of a decrease in the provision for all contributions in arrears by Sw F 3,030,756, repayment of Sw F 3,125,514 (1987 deficit) to the Working Capital Fund, the excess of expenditure over income of Sw F 175,580, and the writing-off of Sw F 1,727 affecting the Surplus Account. As shown in Statement 5, this deficit was met by an advance from the Working Capital Fund.

Outstanding Contributions

6. Contributions outstanding at 31 December 1988 totalled Sw F 18,818,650. This was Sw F 3,753,961 (17 per cent) less than at 31 December 1987 and the provision for contributions in arrears (Statement 3) was decreased to meet the new level of outstanding contributions.

Trust Fund for the Independent Group to Study the Trading System

7. At 31 December 1988, Sw F 22,602 was due to the General Fund from the Trust Fund for the Independent Group to Study the Trading System

(Statements 4 and 9). In 1988, payments of Sw F 4,990 and income of Sw F 3,594 resulting from the sale of the report were received. No expenditures occurred in 1988 except Sw F 257 representing interest credited to the General Fund.

Losses

8. The circumstances of the write-off of an irrecoverable debt amounting to Sw F 1,727 (Statement 3 and paragraph 8 of the Director-General's Financial Report) have been examined.

Supplies, Equipment and Stock Records

9. Test examinations of the supplies, equipment and stock records maintained by the Secretariat were carried out by the Auditor with generally satisfactory results.

10. I wish to record my appreciation of the willing co-operation given by the officers of the Secretariat during the examination.

(Signed)

Tassilo Broesigke
President of the Austrian Court of Audit

OPINION OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988

I have examined the appended Financial Statements, comprising Schedule A and B, Statements 1 to 10 and Annex, of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for the year ended 31 December 1988. My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of the accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances. As a result of the examination, I am of the opinion that these statements, which were prepared in conformity with the accounting policies described in the Annex applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding financial period, present fairly the financial position of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as at 31 December 1988. They properly reflect the financial transactions for the financial period, which transactions were in accordance with the applied Financial Regulations and Rules and legislative authority and with the financial resolutions and decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

(Signed)

Tassilo Broesigke
President of the Austrian Court of Audit

STATEMENT I

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
Statement of Budgetary Expenditure 1988
(in Swiss francs)

	<u>Original</u> <u>Appropriations</u> (L/6248)	<u>Revised</u> <u>Appropriations</u> (L/6384)	<u>Authorized</u> <u>Transfers</u> (L/6482)	<u>Final</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balances</u>
PART I - MEETINGS						
Section 1. Forty-fourth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES	21,000	21,000	(12,551)	8,449	7,268	1,181
2. Meetings of the Council and other meetings	<u>164,000</u>	<u>164,000</u>	<u>85,726</u>	<u>249,726</u>	<u>249,726</u>	-
TOTAL PART I	<u>185,000</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>73,175</u>	<u>258,175</u>	<u>256,994</u>	<u>1,181</u>
PART II - SECRETARIAT						
Section 3. Salaries	31,452,000	31,452,000	(6,068)	31,445,932	31,445,932	-
4. Dispute settlement panels	150,000	150,000	(48,650)	101,350	101,350	-
5. Missions	386,000	386,000	(3,413)	382,587	382,587	-
6. Common staff costs	8,025,000	7,915,000	(130,437)	7,784,563	7,784,563	-
7. Common services	5,595,000	5,595,000	77,463	5,672,463	5,672,463	-
8. Printing	374,000	374,000	50,640	424,640	424,640	-
9. Representation and hospitality	145,000	145,000	(9,627)	135,373	135,373	-
10. Permanent equipment	105,000	105,000	11,646	116,646	116,646	-
11. Contr. to a staff assistance fund	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	-	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	-
TOTAL PART II	<u>46,252,000</u>	<u>46,142,000</u>	<u>(58,446)</u>	<u>46,083,554</u>	<u>46,083,554</u>	-
PART III - UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE						
Section 12. Unforeseen expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
PART IV - TRADE POLICY TRAINING COURSES						
Section 13. Trade Policy Training Courses	<u>1,060,000</u>	<u>1,060,000</u>	<u>(93,021)</u>	<u>966,979</u>	<u>966,979</u>	-
PART V - URUGUAY ROUND						
Section 14. Uruguay Round	<u>3,447,000</u>	<u>3,447,000</u>	<u>473,396</u>	<u>3,920,396</u>	<u>3,920,396</u>	-
PART VI - INTEGRATED DATA BASE						
Section 15. Integrated Data Base	<u>435,000</u>	<u>435,000</u>	<u>(81,399)</u>	<u>353,601</u>	<u>353,601</u>	-
PART VII - INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE UNCTAD/GATT						
Section 16. Contribution to the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	<u>10,170,000</u>	<u>10,170,000</u>	<u>(313,705)</u>	<u>9,856,295</u>	<u>9,856,295</u>	-
GRAND TOTAL	<u>61,549,000</u>	<u>61,439,000</u>	-	<u>61,439,000</u>	<u>61,437,819</u>	<u>1,181</u>

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Arthur Dunkel
Director-General

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Director
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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 1988
(in Swiss francs)

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

1988 Expenditure (Statement 1)	61,437,819	Contributions assessed on contracting parties	60,190,000
		Miscellaneous:	
		Interest on investments	200,954
		Sale of publications	179,728
		Loss on exchange	(51,006)
		Savings on previous year's outstanding obligations	4,796
		Refund of staff costs for staff employed at Centre William Rappard on behalf of other occupants	681,905
		Rental of meeting rooms and office space at Centre William Rappard to others	17,850
		Overhead on Trust Fund for Seminars on Uruguay Round	12,067
		Other income	<u>25,945</u>
		Excess of expenditure over income	1,072,239
	<u>61,437,819</u>		<u>175,580</u>
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STATEMENT 3

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Surplus Account for the year ended 31 December 1988
(in Swiss francs)

DEBITS

Balance at 1 January 1988
Repayment to Working Capital Fund
Excess of expenditure over income
Write-off of irrecoverable debts

NIL
3,125,514
175,580
1,727
3,302,821

CREDITS

Decrease of provision for all
contributions in arrears
1988 Deficit

3,030,756
272,065
3,302,821

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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADEStatement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 1988

GENERAL FUND
(in Swiss francs)

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash in hand	5,000	Miscellaneous accounts payable	45,405
Cash at bank and postal cheques account	2,001,755	Balance available on Trust Fund for seminar on the Uruguay Round for Escap countries (Statement 8)	30,804
Investments (Schedule A)	2,201,906	Contributions paid in advance	4,595,676
Contributions receivable from contracting parties (Schedule B)	18,818,650	Reserve for 1988 obligations outstanding as at 31 December 1988	1,204,667
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	1,706,912	Provision for losses or returns in respect of publications sales	15,000
Balance due from Trust Fund for seminar on the Uruguay Round for Asean countries (Statement 7)	4,011	Provision for contributions in arrears	18,818,650
Balance due from Trust Fund for the Independent Group to Study Trading System (Statement 9)	22,602	Trainees' accommodation fund	50,634
1988 Deficit covered by transfer from Working Capital Fund (Statement 3)	272,065	Due to Working Capital Fund (Statement 5)	272,065
	<u>25,032,901</u>		<u>25,032,901</u>
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Notes: 1) Furniture equipment and vehicles are charged to the budget at time of purchase; the value at cost of items still held at 31 December 1988 was Sw F 5,907,248.
2) Stocks of publications, for sale and free distribution, and other expendable stores were also held.

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Director
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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 1988

WORKING CAPITAL FUND
(in Swiss francs)

ASSETS

Investments (Schedule A) 3,210,372
 Receivable from contracting parties 32,240
 Advance to cover 1988 deficit 272,065

Principal of Fund:

Sums held to the credit of GATT 1,843,379
 Balance as at 1 January 1988

Transfer from advances made
 by Contracting Parties 6,175

Interest on investments
 during 1988 77,323

Advances made by contracting
 parties

1,926,877

1,533,254

3,460,131

Accounts payable:

Due to contracting parties

54,546

3,514,677

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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Trust Fund for Workshops on Negotiation Techniques
Financed by Switzerland

Statement of Account as at 31 December 1988
(in Swiss francs)

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

Payments made in 1988:		Balance available as at 1.1.1988	12,380
65th commercial Policy Training Course	5,620		
66th Commercial Policy Training Course	5,620		
Refund to the Government of Switzerland	1,140		
	<u>12,380</u>		<u>12,380</u>

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STATEMENT 7

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Trust Fund for Seminar on the Uruguay Round for Asean Countries
Financed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Statement of Account as at 31 December 1988
(in Swiss francs)

EXPENDITURE

Payments made in 1988:

Seminar held in Jakarta

62,511

62,511

INCOME

Funds received

58,500

Balance due to GATT as at 31.12.88

4,011

62,511

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Director-General

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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADETrust Fund for Seminar on the Uruguay Round for Escap Countries
Financed by the European CommunityStatement of Account as at 31 December 1988
(in Swiss francs)EXPENDITURE

Payments made in 1988:	
- Seminar held in Bangkok	33,595
- Seminar workshop on Integrated Data Base held in Geneva	7,342
- Miscellaneous expenses	<u>5,322</u>
Balance available as at 31.12.1988	30,804
	<u>77,063</u>

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INCOME

Funds received in 1987	77,063
	<u>77,063</u>

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STATEMENT 9

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Trust Fund for the Independent Group to study Trading System

Statement of Account as at 31 December 1988
(in Swiss francs)

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>
Payments made (prior years)	399,244	374,606
Interest credited to General Fund:		
Prior years		<u>4,990</u>
In 1988	6,291	3,594
	<u>257</u>	<u>22,602</u>
	405,792	405,792
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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Trust Fund for Regional Trade Policy Seminars held in 1987
Financed by the Federal Republic of Germany

Statement of Account as at 31 December 1988
(in Swiss francs)

EXPENDITURE

Refund to the Government of the
Federal Republic of Germany

17,647

17,647

INCOME

Balance available as at 1.1.1988

13,769

Credit note received on 2 air tickets

3,432

Adjustment overhead costs

446

17,647

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Director-General

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Director
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Schedule A

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Investments held on 31 December 1988

Swiss francs

<u>Deposit accounts with:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest rate</u>	<u>Maturity date</u>
Scandinavian Bank in Switzerland, Geneva:	100,000	4 1/2	4 January 1989
Scandinavian Bank in Switzerland, Geneva:	500,000	5	17 January 1989
Scandinavian Bank in Switzerland, Geneva:	2,000,000	4 3/4	19 January 1989
Swiss Bank Corporation, Geneva:	2,800,000	4 5/8	23 January 1989
 <u>Call account with:</u>			
Scandinavian Bank in Switzerland, Geneva:	<u>12,278</u>	2	48 hour call
	5,412,278 ^{1/}		

^{1/} of which Sw F 3,210,372 for the Working Capital Fund

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Director-General

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SCHEDULE B/TABLEAU B/CUADRO BSTATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1988/ETAT DES ARRIERES DE CONTRIBUTIONS AU 31 DECEMBRE 1988
CONTRIBUCIONES PENDIENTES AL 31 DE DICIEMBRE DE 1988

Contracting Parties and Associated Governments/ Parties Contractantes et Gouvernements associés/ Partes Contratantes y Gobiernos asociados	Swiss francs/Francs suisses/Francos suizos					Total 1969/1988
	1969/1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	
Antigua and Barbuda/Antigua et Barbuda/ Antigua y Barbuda.....				72,120	72,228	144,348
Argentina/Argentine.....				204,646	-	204,646
Bangladesh.....					108	108
Belize/Bélize/Belice.....	60,731	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	343,319
Benin/Bénin.....	112,578	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	395,166
Botswana.....				72,120	72,228	144,348
Burkina Faso.....	254,172	67,800	70,440	72,120	-	464,532
Burundi.....	384,035	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	666,623
Cameroon/Cameroun/Camerún.....				70,273	435	70,708
Central African Republic/République centrafricaine/República Centroafricana.....	267,540	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	550,128
Chad/Tchad.....	550,121	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	832,709
Congo.....	293,867	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	576,455
Côte d'Ivoire.....			40,000	78,130	72,228	190,358
Cuba.....			174,308	240,400	78,490	493,198
Dominican Republic/République Dominicaine República Dominicana.....	463,028	67,800	70,440	72,120	-	673,388
Egypt/Egypte/Egipto.....					228,722	228,722
Gabon/Gabón.....		49,920	70,440	72,120	72,228	264,708
Gambia/Gambie.....	379,813	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	662,401
Ghana.....		39,736	70,440	72,120	72,228	254,524
Guyana.....	119,090	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	401,678
Haiti/Haïti/Haití.....	104,959	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	387,547
Kenya.....			652	72,120	72,228	145,000
Madagascar.....	20,209	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	302,797
Malawi.....			47,436	72,120	60,013	179,569
Maldives/Maldivas.....				72,120	108	72,228
Mauritania/Mauritanie.....	426,259	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	708,847

Contracting Parties and Associated Governments/ Parties Contractantes et Gouvernements associés/ Partes Contratantes y Gobiernos asociados	Swiss francs/Francs suisses/Francos suizos					
	1969/1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	Total 1969/1988
Nicaragua	260,952	8,624	70,440	72,120	72,228	484,364
Niger/Níger.....	66,451	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	349,039
Peru/Pérou/Perú.....	84,266	113,000	105,660	96,160	-	399,086
Philippines/Filipinas			178,749	204,340	64,494	447,583
Romania/Roumanie/Rumania.....			422,640	336,560	319,007	1,078,207
Senegal/Sénégal.....	233,468	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	516,056
Sierra Leone/Sierra Leona.....	472,940	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	755,528
Suriname.....		67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	282,588
Tanzania/Tanzanie/Tanzania.....	226,699	67,800	70,440	72,120	53,091	490,150
Togo.....		39,001	70,440	72,120	-	181,561
Trinidad and Tobago/Trinité-et-Tobago/ Trinidad y Tabago.....				2,739	72,228	74,967
Turkey/Turquie/Turquía.....					288,912	288,912
Uganda/Ouganda.....	296,418	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	579,006
United States of America/Etats-Unis d'Amérique/ Estados Unidos de América.....				2,953,890	-	2,953,890
Zaire/Zaire.....	220,540	67,800	70,440	72,120	72,228	503,128
Zambia/Zambia.....			4,410	72,120	-	76,530
	5,298,136	1,606,281	2,664,415	6,350,738	2,899,080	18,818,650

N.B. In accordance with a decision taken by the Council at its meeting of 19-20 October 1988, based on a recommendation of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration, the statement of outstanding contributions as at 31 December 1988 has been established by taking into account the fact that "All contributions received from 1 January 1988 to 30 June 1989 will in the first instance be credited against the 1988 assessment unless otherwise instructed by the contracting parties concerned" (Document L/6384 paragraph 41, note 1 page 8).

Conformément à une décision prise par le Conseil à sa réunion des 19 et 20 octobre 1988, sur la base d'une recommandation du Comité des questions budgétaires, financières et administratives, l'état des arriérés de contributions au 31 décembre 1988 a été établi en tenant compte du fait que "toutes les contributions reçues entre le 1er janvier 1988 et le 30 juin 1989 seront d'abord consacrées au paiement des contributions fixées pour 1988, sauf instructions contraires de la partie contractante concernée". (Document L/6348, paragraphe 41, note 2, page 8).

De conformidad con una decisión adoptada por el Consejo en su reunión de los días 19 y 20 de octubre de 1988, y sobre la base de una recomendación del Comité de Asuntos Presupuestarios, Financieros y Administrativos, la relación de contribuciones pendientes al 31 de diciembre de 1988 se ha establecido tomando en cuenta el hecho de que "todas las contribuciones que se reciban entre el 1° de enero de 1988 y el 30 de junio de 1989 se imputarán primeramente al abono de la contribución de 1988, salvo instrucciones en contrario de la parte contratante interesada" (documento L/6384, párrafo 41, nota 2, página 8).

ANNEX

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Following decisions by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the accounts of GATT are, as far as appropriate and for the time being, maintained in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, as supplemented or modified by financial Resolutions and Decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
2. The accounts are maintained on a fund basis. A General Fund and Working Capital Fund, supplemented when appropriate by Trust Funds, have been established in accordance with Article VI of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.
3. The financial period consists of one calendar year.
4. The accounts are maintained and contributions are assessed in Swiss francs. Assets or liabilities in other currencies are converted to Swiss francs at the official United Nations internal accounting rate of exchange.
5. Gains or losses on exchange are added to or deducted from miscellaneous income.
6. Income, including contributions assessed on contracting parties, and expenditure are accounted for on an accrual basis.
7. The surplus for the financial year is at the disposal of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
8. Provisions are made for the entire amount of contributions receivable from contracting parties and for losses and returns in respect of publications sales. A reserve is maintained for all outstanding obligations at the end of the financial year.
9. Fixed assets purchased during the financial year are charged to the budget at the time of purchase. The value at cost of items still held in inventory is recorded in a note on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(Signed)

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