PETER SUTHERLAND APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL.

At a Special Session of Contracting Parties in Geneva today, Mr. Peter Sutherland was appointed as the next Director-General of GATT. Mr. Sutherland, whose appointment was decided by consensus, will take office on 1 July 1993. He will serve for an initial period of two years to be tacitly renewed for a further period of four years.

Notes to Editors

1. Biographical Note on Peter Denis Sutherland

Peter Sutherland was born on 25 April 1946 and was educated at Gonzaga College, University College Dublin, and at the Honourable Society of the King's Inns, Dublin. Of Irish nationality, Mr. Sutherland graduated in Civil Law and was admitted to the Irish Bar (King's Inns), the English Bar (Middle Temple) and the New York Bar. He was also admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

From 1969 to 1981, he practised at the Bar, and thereafter served as the Attorney General of Ireland and as a Member of the Council of State until the end of 1984 when he was nominated by the Government of Ireland as a Commissioner of the European Communities. From 1985 to
1989, he served in Brussels as the Commissioner responsible for Competition Policy. During this period, his other Commission dossiers were Social Affairs, Education and Relations with the European Parliament.

Since 1989, he has been the Chairman of Allied Irish Banks plc. In addition, he is currently a board-member of various companies, including British Petroleum and Guinness Peat Aviation. He is also a member of the International Advisory Board of Volvo and a member of the Board of Governors of the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht.

In 1989, he was the Haffernan Visiting Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. His current academic posts include Visiting Professor at University College, Dublin, and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels.

In 1988, he was the first EC Commissioner to receive the Gold Medal of the European Parliament. His other awards include the First European Law Prize (Paris 1988), the Grand Cross of Civil Merit (Spain 1989), and the Grand Cross of King Leopold II (Belgium 1989).

His publications include "Premier Janvier 1993 ce qui va changer en Europe" (1989), and numerous articles in law journals. He is married and has three children, and his leisure interests include reading and sport.

2. Previous Directors-General

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