GATT Training Programme for Government Officials: Eighth Group starts work

The eighth group of government officials holding fellowships granted by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration has joined the GATT secretariat for a six-month period of training. Including the present group, some forty-five officials have to date undertaken this training course.

The training course is not limited to the operation of GATT but covers also the general problems which have to be taken into account in the formation of an efficient commercial policy, especially in less-developed countries. The course is practical in its methods and the officials participate in the day-to-day work of the GATT secretariat, including the sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and committees or sub-groups established by them.

So far the following governments have sent officials to take part in the GATT training course:

(a) Member governments: Brazil, Burma, Ceylon, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Greece, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Japan, Federation of Malaya, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Trinidad (Federation of British West Indies), Turkey.

(b) non-Member governments: Ecuador, Poland, Yugoslavia.

The group which joined the GATT secretariat in July 1959 comprises the following officials:

M. Alexandre Paraskevas, Chief of Division, Direction of Customs, Ministry of Finance, Greece.

Mr. Muhammed Muhiuddin, Research Officer, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Pakistan.

M. Arturo Besana, Technical Assistant, Tariff Commission, Republic of the Philippines.
Mr. Harry Cecil Cumming,

Collector at the Department of Customs and Excise,
Assistant to Controller,
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Mr. Vicharn Nivatongs,

Chief of Economic Planning Division,
Department of Economic Relations,
Thailand.

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