GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

GATT Training Programme for Government Officials:

Ninth Group starts work

The ninth group of government officials holding fellowships granted by the United Nations (Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations) has joined the GATT secretariat for a six-month period of training. Including the present group, some fifty-four 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 attendance at the sessions of the contracting parties and committees or sub-groups established by them.

The group which joined the GATT secretariat in March 1960 comprises the following officials:

Mr. Samuel E. Bassey, Assistant Commercial Officer, Ministry of Trade, Ghana.
Mr. Eusebius G.O. Beecroft, Commercial Officer, Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Nigeria.
Shri Rajaram S. Deshpande, Research Officer, Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India.
Mr. Tjeng S. Hoo, Custom Inspector, Head of the Custom Appraising Office, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia.
Mr. Martin Intner, Head of the Economic Research Section, Directorate of Customs and Excise, Ministry of Finance, Israel.
Mr. Heikki S. Kalha, Attaché, Commercial Division, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland.
Mr. Idris Krismurti, Commercial Officer, Bureau for Foreign Trade Relations, Ministry of Trade, Indonesia.
In addition there are two "auditeurs libres", who do not hold fellowships granted by UNTAO:

Mr. Karl G. Ahrens, Regierungssassessor, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs, Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr. Gideon Lahav, Member of the Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel.

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

Brazil  Greece  Nicaragua
Burma  Haiti  Nigeria
Ceylon  India  Pakistan
Chile  Indonesia  Poland
Cuba  Iran  Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Federation of
Czechoslovakia  Israel  Trinidad
Ecuador  Japan  Turkey
Finland  Malaya,  Yugoslavia