EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF GATT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT
OF MR. T. SWAMINATHAN AS SPECIAL ADVISOR ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

The Executive Secretary of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Mr. Eric Wyndham White, announces the appointment of Mr. T. Swaminathan as his Special Advisor on questions of trade and economic development.

This appointment marks the growing importance which is being attached in the GATT to the question of trade as a factor in the economic development of the less-developed countries and, in particular, to the urgent need for these countries to expand their export earnings.

The Indian Government, in agreeing to make Mr. Swaminathan available, have indicated that the decision to release so high ranking and highly qualified an official has only been possible because of the great urgency and importance which India attaches to the international problem of the rapid economic development of the less-developed countries.

Mr. Swaminathan will take up his position in the summer months.

Biographical note

Mr. Swaminathan entered the Indian Civil Service in 1935 and was District Magistrate in a number of Districts in the United Provinces from 1936 to 1942.

1942 - 1944 Deputy Director of Industries, United Provinces.
1944 - 1946 Deputy Secretary to the United Provinces Government, Industries and War Production Departments.
1946 - 1951 Secretary to the United Provinces Government, Department of Industries, Labour and Excise.
1954 - 1958 Minister (Economic); High Commissioner of India, London.
1961 - 1962 Additional Secretary (Industries), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
May 1962 - 1963 Additional Secretary, Department of Heavy Industries, Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries, New Delhi.

Between 1954 and 1961 Mr. Swaminathan attended many GATT sessions and meetings as Leader of the Indian Delegation. He has also attended numerous trade and monetary conferences as a member of Indian delegations.