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GATT TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Seventeenth Group Starts Work

The seventeenth group of government officials holding fellowships granted by the United Nations under its Technical Assistance Programme has joined the GATT secretariat for a six-month period of training for English-speaking officials. Including the present group, more than 120 officials have to date undertaken this training course.

The training course is not limited to the operation of GATT; it includes 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 February 1964 comprises the following officials:

Mr. Mohammed G. ABDULLAH
Commercial Officer, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Dar-es-Salaam (Tanganyika)

Mr. M.J. BOURHANI
Chief of Department, Ministry of Economy, Damascus (Syria)

Mrs. Remedios C. LASERNA
Technical Assistant, Philippine Tariff Commission, Quezon City (Philippines)

Mr. Farouk MAKHLOUF
Commercial Secretary, Commercial Representation Department, Ministry of Economy, Cairo (United Arab Republic)
Mr. Federico G. MARISCAL  
Doctor in Law, Juridical Counsellor in the Bank of Mexico, LAFTA Department, Mexico D.F. (Mexico)

Mr. S.C. OKOYE  
Commercial Officer, Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Lagos (Nigeria)

Mr. Wachju PARTASUPENA  
Officer, Department of Trade, Djakarta (Indonesia)

Mr. N.R. REGE  
Officer, Ministry for International Trade, New Delhi (India)

Mr. L. Vermont D. De SOUZA  
Statistical Officer, Economics and Statistics Division, Ministry of the Treasury, Nairobi (Kenya)

In addition to these nine holders of UNTAO fellowships, the following have been allowed to take part in the training course at the request of their governments:

Mr. V. CARDENAS Garza  
Assistant in Commercial Policy, Ministry of Finance, Mexico D.F. (Mexico)

Mr. Eduardo ZEREÑEto Alvarado  
Fiscal Expert, Ministry of Finance, Mexico D.F. (Mexico)

Dr. Arnaldo PASQUIER Romero, Economic Adviser, Research and Statistics Department, Central Bank, Nicaragua, will join the course in March.