GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES
Nineteenth Session
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

Revision of Common Salary Scales for
Professional Category Staff and above

1. The Executive Secretary hereby submits for the information of the CONTRACTING PARTIES a report of the International Civil Service Advisory Board on the salary scales of staff in the Professional and higher categories of the international civil service (document ICSAB/X/7), a report by the Expert Committee on Post Adjustments (document ECPA/S.3/6), together with a report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations (document A/4823) for submission to the sixteenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, expressing the unanimous views and recommendations of the executive heads of the organizations using the common system of salaries and allowances after consideration by ACC.

2. In the light of the decisions to be taken by the United Nations General Assembly the Executive Secretary intends to request authority from the CONTRACTING PARTIES to implement the changes for GATT staff as of the same date as will be decided for the staff of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

3. If the sixteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly were to take a decision on the matter in time for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their nineteenth session, the Executive Secretary would wish to request such authority during the nineteenth session, proposing at the same time an upward revision of the 1962 estimates of expenditure of approximately US$L60,000, as recommended by the Council in paragraph 12 of the report of the Budget Working Party (document L/1562).

4. If the United Nations General Assembly has not taken a decision in time for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the nineteenth session, the Executive Secretary will make specific proposals to the Council at an early session in 1962.

Submitted for information.