MEETINGS OF CONTRACTING PARTIES AT
HEADS OF DELEGATION LEVEL
(Twenty-Third Session)
Minutes of Meetings held on
25 March and 1 April 1966
Chairman: Mr. J. Lacarte

1: Remuneration of the Director-General

The Chairman, in presenting his note (INT(66)104), pointed out that the report on which the United Nations decision to increase the salaries of officers in the professional and higher categories as from 1 January 1966 was based, did not cover specifically the level of remuneration of executive heads and their deputies, it being left to the governing bodies of the various agencies to take appropriate action. A number of agencies, including ILO, WHO, FAO and UNESCO, had taken action to increase the salaries of Directors-General as from 1 January 1966 from the previous figure set at $24,000 net plus $2,880 (four classes of post adjustment) to $28,100 net plus $816 post adjustment. Pensionable remuneration on the new basis amounts to $23,000.

The Chairman recommended that the remuneration of the Director-General of GATT be correspondingly increased, effective 1 January 1966.

2. Remuneration of the Deputy Director-General

The Chairman said that all contracting parties had now approved the report of the Working Party on Organization (INT(65)112) which was discussed at a meeting of CONTRACTING PARTIES at Heads of Delegation level on 22 March 1965 (L/2427). The Director-General had concluded, subject to the formal endorsement of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, a new contract with the Deputy Director-General covering an initial five-year period from 1 October 1965, but continuing for a further period of five years unless terminated at the end of the first five-year period by six months' notice in writing by the CONTRACTING PARTIES or by the Deputy Director-General. As regards emoluments, all contracting parties had now agreed to the new
rate of $19,500 as recommended by the Director-General in the light of practice in
other organizations. As mentioned in connexion with the remuneration of the
Director-General, following the increase of salaries of officers in the professional
and higher categories as from 1 January 1966 a number of agencies, including ILO,
WHO, FAO and UNESCO had taken action to increase as from the same date the salaries
of Deputy Directors-General, which were previously set at $19,500 net plus
$2,880 (four classes of post adjustment) to $23,300 net plus $816 post adjustment.
Pensionable remuneration on the new basis amounts to $34,000. In his note
(INT(66)103) the Director-General had recommended that the Deputy Director-General's
salary should be established at that level as from 1 January 1966.

The representatives of Australia, Canada, Chile and the United States said
they could support the recommendations.

In view of the fact that some representatives required time to consult their
governments, the Chairman suggested that the proposals be noted and it was agreed
that Heads of Delegations would meet towards the end of the twenty-third session
to take a decision.

At the second meeting of the Heads of Delegations on 1 April 1966 the above-
mentioned proposals concerning the remuneration of the Director-General and the
Deputy Director-General were approved unanimously (with two delegations abstaining
for lack of instructions) and it was decided that the resulting extraordinary
expense, amounting to $6,680, be charged to the 1966 budget.