APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT 
TO NEWLY-INDEPENDENT STATES

Report by the Director-General

On 11 November 1967 the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted a Recommendation (15S/64) that contracting parties should continue to apply de facto the General Agreement in their relations with each territory which acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations and in respect of which a contracting party had accepted the Agreement, provided such territories continued to apply de facto the Agreement to its trade with the contracting parties. The Recommendation does not have a time-limit. The Director-General is requested to submit a report on its application after three years. Earlier reports have been submitted to the Council in November 1970 (L/3457), in November 1973 (L/3948), in October 1976 (L/4427) and in October 1979 (L/4846 and Add.1).

The Recommendation is at present applicable in respect of the following countries:

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Since the last report submitted in October 1979, the Recommendation has become applicable to Belize and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Zambia, which was included in this list of countries at the last report (L/4846), has succeeded to the GATT on 10 February 1982. This brings the number of countries covered by the Recommendation to twenty-nine.

Letters have been addressed to the governments concerned, upon their independence, advising them that the Recommendation is applicable to their trade relations with the contracting parties and seeking their confirmation that they will reciprocate in applying the General Agreement on a de facto basis.

The governments are regularly kept informed about GATT activities and receive all GATT documents and publications. They are also invited to be represented by observers at the annual sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.