ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

Renewal of Contracts of Staff Engaged for the Uruguay Round

Note by the Secretariat

1. It will be recalled that, in 1989, the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration agreed "that the contracts of staff engaged for the Uruguay Round be extended to 31 July 1991. . .", pending a review by the Secretariat of its post-Uruguay Round staff requirements (paragraph 24 of document L/6577 of 26 October 1989). This was to ensure the availability of Uruguay Round staff in the immediate follow-up period and to provide sufficient time for the need for their further employment to be determined, as well as to allow a period for such staff to make other arrangements for their future employment, if necessary.

2. In order to prevent the premature departure of Uruguay Round staff anxious about future employment, the Secretariat considers it highly desirable that the contracts for Uruguay Round staff again be extended, for a period of one year, that is until 31 July 1992.