OFFICE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Re-appointment of the Director-General

Communication from the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

Taking account of the procedures established for the re-appointment of the Director-General (L/6099), I made a formal announcement at the September Council meeting concerning my consultations related to this matter, which were initiated on 23 September (C/M/224), item No. 12). In a letter dated 28 July 1988, I had already invited heads of delegations of contracting parties to that consultation, and in my letter to them, I had included a copy of a letter from the Director-General to me, dated 21 July 1988.

Following my consultation on 23 September, at which many heads of delegations were represented, I continued the process of consulting with those and other delegations with a view to reaching a consensus on this matter.

By means of the present communication, I wish to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES that there is a consensus in favour of re-appointing Mr. Arthur Dunkel as Director-General for a further period of two years.

It is also clear from consultations that contracting parties wishing to re-affirm that the procedures set out in document L/6099 shall be applied when the issue of the appointment to the office of Director-General arises at the expiry of the extension under consideration.

Accordingly, at the opening of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Forty-Fourth Session on 7 November 1988, I will propose inscription of an additional Agenda item: "Office of Director-General - Re-appointment of the Director-General".

When that agenda item is considered, I will propose that:

"the CONTRACTING PARTIES renew Mr. Dunkel's appointment for a further period of two years from 30 September 1989 to 30 September 1991;

the CONTRACTING PARTIES re-affirm the applicability of the procedures set out in document L/6099; and"

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in the case of the application of those procedures when the office of Director-General next becomes vacant, underline the requirement for consultations to commence at least six months before the vacancy and note that appointment to that office could be made at a special session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank heads of delegations for their co-operation.