

GATT/AIR/403

9 JULY 1964

SUBJECT: SECRETARIAT ACCOMMODATION - CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND ANNEX

THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES AT ITS MEETING ON 6 JULY CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION RELATING TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT ACCOMMODATION AND DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

1. THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO FIRM COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND TEMPORARY OFFICE BUILDING;
2. THAT THE ENTIRE SURPLUS ACCOUNT, STANDING AT \$92,059, BE PUT TOWARDS THE FINANCING OF THE PROJECT;
3. THAT A WITHDRAWAL, NOT EXCEEDING \$60,000, BE MADE FROM THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND, SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT; AND
4. THAT THE BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$145,000 BE COVERED BY A LOW-INTEREST LOAN TO BE REPAID OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, PROVIDING SUCH A LOAN CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND, BUT THAT IF SUCH A LOAN CANNOT BE OBTAINED THE BALANCE BE INCLUDED IN THE 1965 BUDGET.

THE COUNCIL WAS INFORMED THAT THE DECISION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND CONCERNING THE LOAN MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 4 WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL THE AUTUMN OF THIS YEAR. RECOGNIZING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND ANNEX IS A MATTER OF URGENCY, AS OTHERWISE THE WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPEDED, THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND ANNEX MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE EFFECT. GOVERNMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER AND CAST THEIR VOTES WITH AS LITTLE DELAY AS POSSIBLE. VOTING ON THIS DECISION WILL CLOSE ON 8 AUGUST.

.... I ATTACH A VOTING PAPER AND A COPY OF THE REPORT ON THIS MATTER BY THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (L/2235).

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