

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND
TRADE

ACCORD GENERAL SUR
LES TARIFS DOUANIERS
ET LE COMMERCE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES
Fifth Session

Working Party "G" on the Budget

Chairman: Mr. A. Pastoriza (Dominican Republic)

Members: Canada Italy
Dominican Republic United Kingdom
Czechoslovakia United States
Indonesia

Terms of Reference:

1. To consider the budget estimates for 1951 and the financial documents submitted by the Executive Secretary and to make appropriate recommendations to the Contracting Parties.

2. To recommend a scale of contributions for consideration by the Contracting Parties.

PARTIES CONTRACTANTES
Cinquieme Session

Groupe de travail "G"
des questions budgétaires

President: M. A. Pastoriza (République Dominicaine)

Membres: Canada République Dominicaine
Etats-Unis Royaume Uni
Indonésie Tchecoslovaquie
Italie

Mandat:

1. Examiner les prévisions budgétaires pour 1951 ainsi que les documents relatifs aux finances, soumis par le Secrétaire exécutif et présenter aux Parties Contractantes des recommandations appropriées.

2. Recommander et soumettre pour examen aux Parties Contractantes un barème des contributions.

Working Party "C" on the Budget

The first Working Party on the Budget Estimates for 1951 convened on 8 November 1950. The following matters were discussed :

1. Outstanding contributions
2. Estimates of Expenditure 1951
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In the course of the meeting the following decisions were taken :

1. Outstanding Contributions

To enable the Working Party to assess financial needs of the Organisation for the first quarter of 1951, the Secretariat was instructed to write letters to those governments whose contributions for 1949 and 1950 were still outstanding and who had indicated no date for payment. These governments were to be asked to inform the Secretariat in writing when payment might be expected, or alternatively to arrange for a representative to attend the next meeting of the Working Party.

The question of contributions for 1951 was also considered. The governments of the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, South Africa, Indonesia and Southern Rhodesia having stated when they hoped to remit contributions, the Secretariat was requested to write to the governments of the other countries concerned to ask when payment might be expected.

2. Estimates of Expenditure 1951.

The budget estimates were considered item by item.

Part I : Meetings

It was agreed that the provision for Other Meetings should be reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000 on condition that the meetings to be convened during 1951 would not exceed :

- 1) Sixth Session of the Contracting Parties to be held in Geneva of not more than six weeks' duration,
- 2) A short special session to discuss, inter alia, the Schuman Plan,
- 3) One short, inter-sessional meeting of a working party.

The total estimate for Part I : Meetings, was accordingly reduced from \$72,000 to \$62,000.

Part II : Secretariat

Reduction of the estimate of \$158,431 for Salaries and Wages to \$148,431 by the exclusion of the provision of \$10,000 for Consultants was approved.

The budget estimates for the following were also approved :

Common Staff Costs	\$ 49,750
Travel on Official Business	15,000
Common Services	8,000
Printing	46,000
Books & Information Material	1,000
Services Reimbursable to United Nations	35,100
Hospitality	1,000
Permanent Equipment	1,000

The total of Part II : Secretariat, was therefore reduced by \$10,000 to \$305,281; the total appropriation resulting in a figure of \$367,281.

It was resolved to amend the explanatory text of the estimates to provide for the changes as approved, and in the case of Travel on Official Business, to insert the following statement :

"This estimate is calculated to cover the travel of regular staff members on mission."

SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUDGET FOR 1951

Revised Scale Using the "Unit" Method

It has been proposed that the total budget of the Contracting Parties should be reduced by the amount of U.S. \$20,000.- The following is a revision, consequent on that proposal, of the table on page 3 of GATT/CP.5/13.

Category	No. of Countries	Units per Country	Total Number of Units	Contribution per Country	Total Contributions
A	2	20	40	\$53,745.00	\$107,490.00
B	Nil	10	Nil	26,872.50	Nil
C	1	7	7	18,810.75	18,810.75
D	1	5	5	13,436.25	13,436.25
E	9	4	36	10,749.00	96,741.00
F	5	2	10	5,374.50	26,872.50
G	21	1	21	2,687.25	56,432.25
<u>Total</u>	39		119		\$319,782.75

1 unit = \$2,687.25

WORKING PARTY "C" ON BUDGET

Readjusted Figures for the Czechoslovak Proposal

The following table gives readjusted figures for Column VI of the table on page 6 of GATT/CP.5/19, using the same data and formula except for the common basic contribution which has been changed to \$1000 - (i.e. c = \$1000 instead of \$200).

<u>Country</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
United Kingdom	48,563.75
United States	78,853.70
France	8,707.10
Canada	27,033.42
Australia	14,828.33
Belgium)	10,942.74
Luxemburg)	
Brazil	9,744.74
China	4,528.53
India	11,028.95
Italy	6,429.16
Netherlands	11,043.89
South Africa	5,245.82
Sweden	8,680.95
Cuba	6,302.14
Czechoslovakia	3,714.11
Denmark	4,980.57
New Zealand	5,387.78
Norway	3,936.40
Burma	2,853.93
Ceylon	<u>3,206.97</u>
Chile	3,595.50
Dominican Republic	1,743.44
Finland	3,801.90
Greece	1,745.31
Haiti	1,268.05
Indonesia	2,710.09
Lebanon)	<u>2,071.92</u>
Syria)	
Liberia	1,140.09
Nicaragua	1,207.34
Pakistan	2,395.35
Southern Rhodesia	2,040.44
Uruguay	<u>2,413.09</u>
Total	302,145.51 =====

(Révision des chiffres de la proposition tchécoslovaque)

Le tableau ci-dessus donne des chiffres révisés pour la colonne VI du tableau de la page 6 du document GATT/CP.5/19, en utilisant les mêmes données et formules, sauf pour la contribution commune de base qui a été portée à \$1000 - (c'est-à-dire que c = \$1000 au lieu de \$200.)

POSITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

1949 and 1950

Estimated Dollar Expenditure
1951

Contributions Expected

Jan-April 1951

\$ 31,805.16

January-April

⊕ Contributions Dates not notified \$ 23,202.99

Meetings 25,000.00
Secretariat 76,320.00 \$101,320.00

Payment on Amnecy Schedules
Outstanding

839.27
\$ 24,042.26

April-July

Meetings 27,000.00
Secretariat 76,320.50 103,320.50

omitted from records for 1951

1951

Contributions expected Jan. 1951

20,912.00
(44,944.76)

~~20,912.00~~
\$ 69,868.50
101,673.66
~~19,175.66~~
\$120,926.25

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July-September

Meetings 5,000.00
Secretariat 76,320.50 81,320.50

" " April 1951

Contributions Dates not notified

988.00
\$120,982.75

September-December

Meetings 5,000.00
Secretariat 76,320.00 81,320.00

⊕ Includes China Contributions \$14,351.72

\$367,281.00

⊕ 319,782.75

Titre et adresse	Fondation	Membres	Buts généraux	Historique et activités
Groupe d'Etudes pour l'Union douanière européenne, 5, Rue de Louvain, <u>Bruxelles</u> Belgique.	1947 (sept.) à Bruxelles.	Autriche, Belgique, Danemark, France, Grèce, Grande-Bretagne, Irlande, Islande, Italie, Luxembourg, Norvège, Pays-Bas, Portugal, Suisse, Turquie, Bizone, Zone française, Suède.	<p>Etudier les moyens les plus appropriés pour assurer à l'Europe une économie stable et saine, dans le cadre du développement du commerce européen et mondial, notamment par la constitution d'une union douanière européenne générale ou, à son défaut, d'unions douanières régionales. En vue de faciliter et de pousser plus pratiquement l'étude de ces moyens, deux buts immédiats sont recherchés :</p> <p>1) l'établissement d'une nomenclature tarifaire commune, basée sur la nomenclature de Genève. Ce travail est effectué par le Bureau tarifaire permanent du Groupe d'Etudes et l'on espère le terminer avant la fin de 1948;</p> <p>2) l'étude par un comité économique des répercussions qu'aurait la création d'une union douanière sur l'économie des pays participants.</p>	<p>1) Le Bureau tarifaire du Groupe d'Etudes siège en permanence à Bruxelles depuis le 15 mars 1948 pour établir un projet de nomenclature tarifaire.</p> <p>2) Le Comité Economique a tenu sa première session le 18 mai 1948 pour établir un questionnaire à envoyer aux pays participants. La seconde session, qui aura lieu au mois de septembre, examinera les réponses à ce questionnaire et rédigera un rapport d'ensemble.</p> <p>3) Le Groupe d'Etudes lui-même a tenu depuis septembre 1947 trois sessions plénières, au cours desquelles ont été mis au point les moyens pratiques par lesquels se ferait l'investigation. La prochaine session aura lieu au mois de novembre 1948.</p>