

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1980

### Note by the Director-General

1. The Director-General herewith reports on the status of outstanding contributions as at 30 September 1980.
2. Outstanding contributions amounted to US\$71,262 (SwF 116,157 at the accounting rate of SwF 1.63/US\$1 effective as at 30 September 1980) in respect of assessments for the years 1966 to 1972, to SwF 3,834,774 for the years 1973 to 1979 and to SwF 6,583,449 in respect of current year's assessments. Thus a total of SwF 10,534,380 was due on 30 September 1980, compared with amounts of SwF 8,808,686 on 30 September 1979, SwF 7,910,037 on 30 September 1978 and SwF 5,264,411 on 30 September 1977. Contributions due from contracting parties as at 30 September 1980 are shown in the attached table.
3. The amount of SwF 6,583,449 still due on 30 September 1980 in respect of 1980 contributions represented 16.88 per cent of the total assessment. The corresponding figures were SwF 5,576,987 (14.75 per cent) in 1979, SwF 5,653,258 (14.96 per cent) in 1978 and SwF 3,492,041 (9.81 per cent) in 1977.
4. The Director-General has taken every opportunity, either in writing or by personal contacts, to remind governments of the importance of prompt payment of their contributions and of total settlement of arrears.
5. The present situation with regard to governments whose contributions are two or more years in arrears is as follows:

Burundi: The latest payment, covering the balance of the contribution for 1976 and a part of the contribution for 1977, was received in April 1978. An acknowledgement of the formal letter of assessment of the 1980 contribution was received in March 1980.

Central African Republic: The latest payment, covering the balance of the contribution for 1973, the contribution for 1974 and part of the contribution for 1975, was received in May 1978. Since that date no correspondence has been received by the secretariat.

Chad: The latest payment, covering part of the contribution for 1969, was received in February 1978. Since that date no correspondence has been received by the secretariat and postal communications between Chad and Switzerland are at present suspended.

Congo, People's Republic of the: The latest payment, covering the balance of the contribution for 1972, the contribution for 1973 and part of the contribution for 1974, was received in June 1977. Payment of a substantial part of the outstanding arrears which was announced in September 1978, has not been received to date.

Dominican Republic: In November 1979 the Government of the Dominican Republic made a payment of US\$26,604 and indicated that arrangements were being made to settle the outstanding amount over a five-year period.

Gambia: The latest payment covering part of the contribution for 1977 was received in March 1977. No correspondence has been received by the secretariat since that date.

Guyana: The latest payment covering the balance of the contribution for 1976 and part of the 1977 contribution was received in July 1977. Since that date, no communication has been received by the secretariat.

Haiti: The Government of Haiti has undertaken to make regular payments until the entire balance of arrears of contributions has been liquidated. Since April 1978, 16 payments for a total amount of US\$125,000 have been received by the secretariat.

Kampuchea, Democratic: The latest payment, covering part of the contribution for 1973, was received in January 1974. Postal communications between Kampuchea Democratic and Switzerland have been suspended since 1974 but in July 1980 the letter sent by the secretariat to the permanent representative in Geneva was acknowledged.

Mauritania: The latest payment, covering a part of the contribution for 1976, was received in October 1978. No correspondence has been received by the secretariat since that date.

Nicaragua: The latest payment, covering the balance of the contribution for 1972, the 1973 contribution and part of the contribution for 1974, was received in May 1976. In December 1979 the authorities have expressed their willingness to consider the possibility of liquidating their arrears by means of instalment payments.

Nigeria: The latest payment covering the balance of the contribution for 1975, the contribution for 1976 and part of the contribution for 1977 was received in June 1978. Officials of the GATT secretariat on mission in Lagos took up this matter with the Nigerian authorities and were informed that it would be receiving attention shortly.

Sierra Leone: The latest payment, covering the contribution for 1974, was received in February 1975. An official of the GATT secretariat, on mission in Freetown, took up this matter with the authorities and was informed that action to liquidate arrears would be taken soon.

Togo: The latest payment covering the balance of the contribution for 1976 and part of the contribution for 1977 was received in March 1979. Since that date no correspondence has been received by the secretariat.

Uganda: The latest payment covering the contribution for 1976 and part of the contribution for 1977 was received in November 1977. Since that date no further communication has been received.

Upper Volta: The latest payment covering part of the contribution for 1978 was received in November 1978. Payment of the balance of the contribution for 1978 and of the contribution for 1979, which were announced in December 1979, have not been received to date.

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1980  
 ETAT DES ARRIERES DE CONTRIBUTIONS AU 30 SEPTEMBRE 1980

Country/Pays	US dollars/Dollars des Etats-Unis 1966/1972		Swiss francs/Francs suisses					
			1973/1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	Total 1973/1980
Argentina/Argentine							33,665	33,665
Australia/Australie							453	453
Bangladesh							46,800	46,800
Barbados/Barbade							5,800	5,800
Benin/Bénin							43,495	43,495
Burundi				25,695	45,400	45,400	46,800	163,295
Central African Republic/République centrafricaine			63,443	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	243,743
Chad/Tchad	1969/1972	15,815	125,200	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	305,500
Chile/Chili						335	93,600	93,935
Colombia/Colombie							36,268	36,268
Congo, People's Republic of the/ République populaire du Congo			85,858	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	266,158
Dominican Republic/République Dominicaine	1971/1972	6,497	125,200	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	305,500
France 1/							2,811,900	2,811,900
Gambia/Gambie				21,473	45,400	45,400	46,800	159,073
Ghana						45,400	46,800	92,200
Guyana/Guyane				4,836	45,400	45,400	46,800	142,436
Haiti/Haïti				18,706	45,400	45,400	46,800	156,306
Ivory Coast/Côte d'Ivoire						16,161	58,500	74,661
Kampuchea, Democratic/Kampuchea démocratique			111,806	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	292,106
Kenya						26,109	46,800	72,909
Madagascar							10,119	10,119
Mauritania/Mauritanie			25,219	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	205,519
Nicaragua			90,838	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	271,138
Nigeria/Nigéria				160,684	382,800	347,700	417,300	1,288,484
Peru/Pérou						75,600	70,200	145,800
Philippines							78,620	78,620
Portugal							144,300	144,300
Rwanda						861	46,800	47,661
Senegal/Sénégal					21,816	45,400	46,800	114,016
Sierra Leone			71,900	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	252,200
Sri Lanka							1,404	1,404
Tanzania/Tanzanie						7,639	46,800	54,439
Togo				11,716	45,400	45,400	46,800	149,316
Tunisia/Tunisie							4,600	4,600
Uganda/Ouganda				3,870	45,400	45,400	46,800	141,470
United States/Etats Unis							1,418,625	1,418,625
Upper Volta/Haute-Volta					21,609	45,400	46,800	113,809
Yugoslavia/Yougoslavie							279,800	279,800
Zaire/Zaire							45,200	45,200
Zimbabwe	1966/1972	48,950	125,200	42,700	45,400	45,400	46,800	305,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>71,262</b>	<b>824,664</b>	<b>631,280</b>	<b>1,087,225</b>	<b>1,291,605</b>	<b>6,583,449</b>	<b>10,418,223</b>

US\$71,262 at SwF 1.63 to US\$1.- equivalent to / 71,262 dollars EU à 1,63 FS par dollar EU, équivalent à . . . . . 116,157

10,534,380  
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1/ Payment announced/Versement annoncé.