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REVISED SUPPLEMENTARY 1983 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Note by the Director-General

1. The Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration at its meeting on 9 December 1982 discussed the Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 1983 to meet Additional Requirements arising from Ministerial Decisions. In the light of the comments and suggestions made, the Director-General now puts forward revised expenditure estimates totalling SwF 1,078,000.

2. The additional workload resulting from the decisions taken at the Ministerial meeting will be met, to the greatest possible extent, by the redeployment of existing resources. This is in accordance with the normal practice of the secretariat. Only where it would be impossible to carry out Ministerial decisions faithfully without some reinforcement have proposals for additional staff or funds been made. It should therefore be borne in mind that the proposals contained in the supplementary estimates by no means reflect the totality of the work flowing from the Ministerial Meeting: a great part of it will be carried out by the existing staff.

3. The Committee noted that implementation of CONTRACTING PARTIES' decisions is likely to commence at different points of time in 1983. If it proves necessary, on the basis of experience acquired in 1983, further provision of temporary assistance will be requested in the 1984 budget.

4. In view of the difficulty of evaluation in advance of the exact impact in terms of workload of the decisions taken by the Ministers, the Director-General intends, in the interest of overall economy, to retain the fullest flexibility in the application of additional resources in order to be able to make the most rational and efficacious use of them.

5. In the light of the comments made by the Committee, it is now proposed that all such additional staff be recruited on a temporary assistance basis rather than against permanent posts. Experience will show how far the need for these posts is in fact permanent and, if it proves to be so, proposals for their consolidation into the permanent establishment will be made.

6. Furthermore, in the light of the discussion in the Committee and upon serious reconsideration of the initial proposals set out in document L/5428 some of the proposed expenditures can be withdrawn at this stage. These are the following:

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1. The post of Senior Legal Officer P5/D1	116,000
2. the post of a statistical clerk for work on the liberalization of trade in tropical products	36,000
3. outside expert assistance for technical co-operation	140,000
4. a reduction of 50 per cent has been made in respect of the additional cost (subsistence and travel) of increasing the participation in GATT Commercial Policy Training Courses because, at this stage, an increase in the number of participants can be foreseen only with effect from the second course in 1983	<u>70,000</u> 362,000 =====
7. The revised estimates, with supplementary notes which take account of questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration, are as follows:	

Non-Tariff Measures Division

The CONTRACTING PARTIES decided on the creation of a group for the purpose of reviewing quantitative restrictions and other non-tariff measures, so as to achieve the elimination of restrictions which are not in conformity with the General Agreement, or their being brought into conformity with the Agreement, as well as achieving progress in liberalizing other quantitative restrictions and non-tariff measures. The group is to make a complete report containing its findings and conclusions to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their 1984 Session. While the previous group dealing with quantitative restrictions has been dormant for some time, the Division has, as was explained to the Committee, taken up a number of other responsibilities. Nevertheless, part of the anticipated additional workload can be carried out within the existing staff resources although, as the Division is not heavily staffed, it is evident that, for the addressing inter alia

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of some 500 items listed in the inventory of quantitative restrictions, an additional professional officer with considerable experience in this field is necessary.

Professional assistance - 240 man/days

84,000

Development Division

The CONTRACTING PARTIES instructed the Committee on Trade and Development to consult on a regular basis with contracting parties individually or collectively, as appropriate, to examine how individual contracting parties have responded to the requirements of Part IV. In this connexion the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided that the Committee on Trade and Development would adopt a programme of consultations and that each such consultation would be based on information supplied by the contracting party in question and additional factual material prepared by the secretariat. The CONTRACTING PARTIES at the same time instructed the Committee on Trade and Development to carry out an examination of the prospects for increasing trade between developed and developing countries.

The present staff of the Division has been coping with a very heavy workload and the preparation of information and studies relating to the new tasks cannot be carried out without some strengthening of present resources. This at the minimum would involve:

Professional assistance - 240 man/days

69,000

Statistical clerk - 240 man/days

36,000

105,000

Technical Co-operation

The CONTRACTING PARTIES took a decision to strengthen the technical co-operation programme of GATT by responding to increasing requests for seminars and other technical assistance activities. The Technical Co-operation Division is responsible for the implementation of the technical assistance programme. Preferential help is given to the least-developed countries,

not necessarily members of GATT, but those most interested in GATT and its activities, and in this connexion the language element is often of crucial importance. The Division, which deals with general matters, draws on officers from the operational divisions in order to make use of their expertise and experience with regard to specific, technical questions. In 1982 nearly 80 per cent of the missions were carried out by officers from operational divisions:

a) It is accordingly proposed that in order to make the most effective response to the CONTRACTING PARTIES's decision, two professional officers be recruited in connexion with the decision to strengthen the technical assistance facilities of the secretariat. These officers would be placed in operational divisions and would increase the capacity of the divisions to make more experienced staff members available for advisory missions. The staff resources of the Technical Co-operation Division itself would not be enlarged, except as mentioned under (b) below.

Economic Affairs Officer P3/Counsellor P4	84,000	
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b) The number of technical co-operation missions carried out in 1982 amounts to fourteen at a cost of some SwF 150,000. The increased cost of a similar number of missions in 1983, taking into account higher travel rates, will be approximately SwF 175,000 and a provision of this magnitude has been approved in the 1983 budget. At this point of time, preliminary and firm requests for fourteen missions to be carried out in 1983 have already been received, and on the basis of recent experience it is anticipated that further requests will bring the total for 1983 to at least twenty missions. Travel costs of SwF 75,000 have therefore been foreseen to cover up to six additional missions (see under Miscellaneous Expenditure below). Furthermore, additional secretarial assistance for the preparation of the increased number of

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missions and other technical assistance activities will have to be provided.

Secretary G3

34,000 202,000

Economic Research and Analysis Unit

The CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to carry out on a priority basis a study on textiles which requires, inter alia, a detailed review of existing systems of restraints and restrictions on textiles and their implications for the trade and economic situation of countries in international trade. The study should be completed for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their 1984 Session.

This major study, given its scope, will involve several sections within the secretariat but it will be conducted under the overall responsibility of the Economic Research and Analysis Unit. While initially a large part of the study can be handled with the existing resources of the secretariat, it is also clear already that as, from the initial stage, outside professional expertise will be necessary to supplement regular resources.

Professional assistance - 180 man/days

58,000

The CONTRACTING PARTIES also decided that problems relating to trade in non-ferrous metals and minerals, forestry products, as well as fish and fishery products should be examined. The bulk of the work in preparation for the examinations can be carried out with existing staff resources by the redeployment of these resources and the reallocation of tasks. It is also clear, however, that at the very least, additional statistical work will be generated in 1983 for which temporary assistance is necessary.

Clerical services - 180 man/days

30,000 88,000

Agriculture Division

The CONTRACTING PARTIES decided that a major two-year work programme be undertaken for the

examination of a number of matters enumerated and specified in their decision. For the purpose of carrying out this work, an improved and unified system of notifications is to be introduced and a Committee on Trade in Agriculture is to be established. The Committee is to make appropriate recommendations to the Council and the CONTRACTING PARTIES for their consideration not later than at their 1984 Session.

As a result of redeployment which has already taken place, the Agriculture Division, in spite of its very greatly increased workload, will be able to deal with a large part of the work accruing from the formation of the Committee. However, it is now clearly essential that an additional professional officer with great experience in the field of trade in agriculture and at an adequate level for dealing with government representatives, etc. be provided for the servicing of the Committee on Trade in Agriculture.

Counsellor P4/P5

100,000

Technical and Other Barriers to Trade Division

The CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to establish a notification procedure with respect to exports of goods, the sale of which is banned in domestic markets on grounds of human health and safety. In the light of experience gained with this notification procedure, the CONTRACTING PARTIES will, at their 1984 Session, consider the need for study of related problems.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES also decided to request the Director-General to consult with the International Monetary Fund on the possibility of a study on the effects of erratic fluctuations in exchange rates on international trade.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES furthermore requested the Council to make arrangements for studies of dual-pricing practices and rules of origin.

In addition, the CONTRACTING PARTIES invited contracting parties to exchange information on services of different types, the information to be compiled and distributed on as uniform a format as possible.

As a result of the above decisions, a number of activities have to be undertaken by the secretariat which will necessarily involve a great deal of preparatory work. As a result of redeployment of staff resources and reallocation of tasks much of this work can be carried out with existing resources. It is, however, already apparent that some temporary reinforcement will nevertheless be necessary for an adequate performance of this work.

Consultants - 180 man/days	60,000	
Professional assistance - 180 man/days	<u>45,000</u>	105,000

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

a) The CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to permit an increased participation in the GATT Commercial Policy Training Courses. Within the present facilities in the secretariat it is only possible to provide for an increase in the number of participants in the courses from twenty to twenty-four, as an absolute maximum. This situation can only be reviewed in the light of expanded facilities which are unlikely to materialize for some four to five years. An increase by four in the number of participants for two courses a year would require -

Subsistence	85,000
Travel	<u>55,000</u>
	140,000

As in the meantime preparations for the first course in 1983 are too far advanced to benefit from any supplementary budget appropriations, an increase in participation can only be foreseen to begin as of the second course in 1983 -

Subsistence	42,500	
Travel	<u>27,500</u>	70,000

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b) The CONTRACTING PARTIES decided on the inclusion in the training programme of a regular course in the Spanish language. Arrangements will be made to have a course in Spanish once every three years, the first course to be held in February-June 1984. This way of proceeding is in line with the average number of applications being received from countries with a predominantly English, French or Spanish working language and in no way reduces the number of potential participants in the other courses.

One indispensable requirement for the inclusion in the training programmes of a regular Spanish-language course is a Spanish mother tongue officer, fluent also in English and French, as well as a bilingual secretary of Spanish mother tongue, to attend to the diversity of tasks which are involved in being a tutor to the trainees, particularly in the writing of studies and in the preparation of papers for seminars, etc. Obviously this officer will be fully engaged in the other courses where additional work will arise from the increase in participation.

Training Officer P4	84,000		
Secretary G5	42,000		
Miscellaneous (purchase and reproduction of documents, etc.)	<u>33,000</u>	<u>159,000</u>	229,000

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

Increased number of missions			
Official missions resulting from new studies	30,000		
Technical co-operation missions (six additional missions)	<u>75,000</u>	105,000	
Additional cost of documentation for groups and committees, studies, etc.		10,000	
Additional computer time for various groups		<u>50,000</u>	<u>165,000</u>
			<u>1,078,000</u>
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III ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS FOR 1983
 III CONTRIBUTIONS ADDITIONNELLES POUR 1983
 III CONTRIBUCIONES ADICIONALES PARA 1983

(Scale including a single minimum of 0.12%)/
 (Contribution minimale: 0,12%)/(Contribución mínima: 0,12 por ciento)

Country/Pays/País	%	SwF/FS	SwF/FS	SwF/FS
		Approved contributions Contributions déjà approuvées Contribuciones aprobadas	Additional assessment Contributions additionnelles Contribuciones adicionales	Total
<u>Contracting parties/Parties contractantes/ Partes contratantes:</u>				
Argentina/Argentine	0.45	213,570	4,850	218,420
Australia/Australie	1.35	640,710	14,550	655,260
Austria/Autriche	1.20	569,520	12,930	582,450
Bangladesh	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Barbados/Barbade	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Belgium/Belgique/Bélgica	3.57	1,694,320	38,480	1,732,800
Benin/Bénin	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Brazil/Brésil/Brasil	1.33	631,220	14,330	645,550
Burma/Birmanie/Birmania	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Burundi	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Cameroon/Cameroun/Camerún	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Canada/Canada	4.05	1,922,130	43,660	1,965,790
Central African Republic/République centrafricaine/Républica Centroatricana	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Chad/Tchad	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Chile/Chili	0.30	142,380	3,230	145,610
Colombia/Colombie	0.24	113,910	2,580	116,490
Congo, People's Republic/République populaire du Congo/Congo, República Popular	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Cuba	0.32	151,870	3,450	155,320
Cyprus/Chypre/Chipre	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Czechoslovakia/Tchécoslovaquie/Checoslovaquia	0.95	450,870	10,240	461,110
Denmark/Danemark/Dinamarca	1.09	517,320	11,740	529,060
Dominican Republic/République Dominicaine/ Republica Dominicana	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Egypt, Arab Republic/République arabe d'Egypte/ Egipto, República Árabe	0.27	128,140	2,910	131,050
Finland/Finlande/Finlandia	0.84	398,670	9,050	407,720
France/Francia	7.28	3,455,090	78,470	3,533,560
Gabon/Gabón	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Gambia/Gambie	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Germany, Federal Republic/République fédérale d'Allemagne/Alemania, República Federal	10.98	5,211,110	118,360	5,329,470
Ghana	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Greece/Grèce/Grecia	0.44	208,830	4,730	213,560
Guyana/Guyane	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250

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Haiti/Haïti/Haití	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Hungary/Hongrie/Hungría	0.55	261,030	5,930	266,960
Iceland/Islande/Islandia	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
India/Inde	0.64	303,750	6,890	310,640
Indonesia/Indonésie	0.95	450,870	10,240	461,110
Ireland/Irlande/Irlanda	0.58	275,270	6,250	281,520
Israel/Israël	0.43	204,080	4,630	208,710
Italy/Italie/Italia	5.15	2,444,190	55,510	2,499,700
Ivory Coast/Côte d'Ivoire/Costa de Marfil	0.14	66,440	1,510	67,950
Jamaica/Jamaïque	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Japan/Japon/Japón	8.12	3,853,750	87,530	3,941,280
Kenya	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Korea, Republic/République de Corée/ Corea, República	1.28	607,490	13,790	621,280
Kuwait/Koweït	0.79	374,940	8,510	383,450
Luxembourg/Luxemburgo	0.31	147,130	3,330	150,460
Madagascar	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Malawi	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Malaysia/Malaisie/Malasia	0.68	322,730	7,320	330,050
Malta/Malte	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Mauritania/Mauritanie	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Mauritius/Maurice/Mauricio	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Netherlands/Pays Bas/Países Bajos,	4.56	2,164,180	49,150	2,213,330
New Zealand/Nouvelle-Zélande/Nueva Zelandia	0.33	156,620	3,550	160,170
Nicaragua	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Niger/Niger	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Nigeria/Nigéria	1.14	541,050	12,280	553,330
Norway/Norvège/Noruega	1.01	479,350	10,880	490,230
Pakistan/Pakistân	0.23	109,160	2,470	111,630
Peru/Pérou/Perú	0.19	90,180	2,040	92,220
Philippines/Filipinas	0.41	194,590	4,410	199,000
Poland/Pologne/Polonia	1.07	507,820	11,530	519,350
Portugal	0.42	199,330	4,530	203,860
Romania/Roumanie/Romania	0.76	360,700	8,190	368,890
Rwanda	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Senegal/Sénégal	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Sierra Leone/Sierra Leona	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Singapore/Singapour/Singapur	0.92	436,630	9,920	446,550
South Africa/Afrique du Sud/Sudáfrica	1.02	484,090	10,990	495,080
Spain/Espagne/España	1.58	749,870	17,030	766,900
Sri Lanka	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Suriname	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Sweden/Suède/Suecia	1.86	882,760	20,040	902,800
Switzerland/Suisse/Suiza	1.88	892,250	20,260	912,510

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Tanzania/Tanzanie/Tanzania	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Thailand/Thaïlande/Tailandia	0.47	223,060	5,070	228,130
Togo	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Trinidad and Tobago/Trinité-et-Tobago/ Trinidad y Tabago	0.17	80,680	1,830	82,510
Turkey/Turquie/Turquía	0.33	156,620	3,550	160,170
Uganda/Ouganda	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland/Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord/Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte	7.15	3,393,390	77,070	3,470,460
United States of America/États-Unis d'Amérique/ Estados Unidos de América	14.51	6,886,450	156,410	7,042,860
Upper Volta/Haute-Volta/Alto Volta	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Uruguay	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Yugoslavia/Yougoslavie	0.73	346,460	7,860	354,320
Zaire/Zaïre	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Zambia/Zambie	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Zimbabwe	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
<u>Associated Governments/Gouvernements associés/ Gobiernos asociados:</u>				
Democratic Kampuchea/Kampuchea démocratique/ Kampuchea Democrática	0.12	56,950	1,300	58,250
Tunisia/Tunisie/Túnez	0.18	85,430	1,940	87,370
	100.00	47,460,000	1,078,000	48,538,000
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