

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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SITUATION OF

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1983

Note by the Director-General

1. The Director-General reports as follows on the status of outstanding contributions as at 30 September 1983.

Outstanding contributions as at 30 September 1983

2. Outstanding contributions amounted to US \$ 22,312 (SwF 48,640 at the accounting rate of SwF 2.18 / US \$ 1.— effective as at 30 September 1983) in respect of assessments for the years 1969/1972, to SwF 4,900,152 for the years 1973 to 1982 and to SwF 13,115,627 in respect of current year's assessments. Thus a total of SwF 18,064,419 was due on 30 September 1983 compared with amounts of SwF 15,213,054 on 30 September 1982, SwF 9,986,221 on 30 September 1981 and SwF 10,534,380 on 30 September 1980. Contributions due from contracting parties as at 30 September 1983 are shown in the attached statement.

3. The amount of SwF 13,115,627 still due on 30 September 1983 in respect of 1983 contributions represented 27.60 per cent of the total assessment. The corresponding figures were SwF 10,900,718 (24.57 per cent) in 1982, SwF 6,586,526 (16.30 per cent) in 1981 and SwF 6,583,449 (16.88 per cent) in 1980.

4. As can be seen, the situation of collection of contributions in 1983 has not substantially improved in comparison with the previous year's in spite of the fact that 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 was received in April 1978. In a letter of April 1983, the Government of Burundi announced its intention to settle the total contributions in 1984.

Central African Republic: A payment of SwF 52,521 was made in October 1982, representing the balance of contribution for 1975 and a partial payment against the 1976 contribution. The secretariat, which sent regularly reminder letters, has had the occasion, in reply to two letters received in October 1982 and July 1983, to provide the Central African Republic with full information on outstanding amounts and to show, in detail, with comprehensive tables, the situation over the last ten years.

Chad: The secretariat received a letter dated 29 April 1983 by which the Government of Chad proposed to settle its arrears of contributions by the payment of twenty equal instalments commencing in 1987, in addition to the payment of current contributions in full in the years for which they are due. Document Spec (83)37 refers.

Congo: People's Republic of the: Regular payments are received by the secretariat. During the first nine months of 1983, two payments for a total of SwF 38,273 have been made, representing the balance of contribution for 1978 and a partial payment against the 1979 contribution.

Dominican Republic: Although the Dominican authorities assured the secretariat in October 1980, and reiterated their statement in March 1983, that every effort would be made to reduce the outstanding arrears, no payment has been received since November 1979, despite several reminder letters which have been sent.

Gambia: Since the latest payment, in March 1977, the secretariat has received no communication, notwithstanding several reminder letters which have been sent.

Ghana: A payment of SwF 62,205 was received in June 1983, representing the balance of contribution for 1980 and a partial payment against 1981 contribution.

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 the secretariat has received twenty-one payments. Two payments equivalent to SwF 9,447 were made in 1983, representing a further partial contribution for 1978.

Kampuchea, Democratic: Since the latest payment, which was made in January 1974, the secretariat has received only one letter of acknowledgement in July 1980, in spite of numerous reminder letters which have been sent.

Mauritania: Since the latest payment in October 1978 no further communication has been received, despite several reminder letters which have been sent.

Nicaragua: In January 1981, the Nicaraguan Government proposed the settlement of its arrears at 31 December 1981 by means of ten equal annual payments commencing in 1982. The GATT Council accepted this proposal on 11 June 1981 (C/M/148). In June 1982, the Nicaraguan authorities, referring to the financial difficulties they were experiencing, have proposed that the commencement date for the repayment schedule be delayed for one year, to 1983. The GATT Council accepted this proposal on 1 November 1982 (C/M/162). To-date no payment has been received by the secretariat.

Peru: The latest payment was made in June 1979. In an oral communication of November 1982 the secretariat was informed that the Peruvian Government intended to earmark funds, in its 1983 national budget, to settle the arrears of contributions.

Senegal: Two payments for a total of SwF 101,288 were received in 1983, representing the balance of contribution for 1978, the whole contribution for 1979 and a partial payment against 1980 contribution.

Sierra Leone: The most recent payment was received in February 1975. The authorities of Sierra Leone, with whom the question of the arrears of contributions has been taken up on numerous occasions, have indicated that action to liquidate the amount due would be taken. The secretariat has continued to send regular reminder letters and, in reply to a cable received in June 1983, again provided detailed information regarding the amounts outstanding.

Tanzania: A payment of SwF 48,480 representing the balance of contribution for 1979 and a partial payment for 1980 was made in 1982. No communication has been received in 1983.

Togo: The latest payment was made in September 1981. Two further payments announced in October 1981 and November 1982, respectively, have not been received by the secretariat, in spite of several reminder letters which have been sent.

Uganda: No communication has been received by the secretariat since the latest payment in November 1977, notwithstanding several reminder letters which have been sent.

Upper Volta: The latest payment was made in November 1978. No communication as to the settlement of arrears has been received by the secretariat, despite several reminder letters which have been sent.

Zaire: The latest payment was made in January 1981. The secretariat has been informed, in April 1983, that the necessary steps of internal procedure for settlement of contributions were being taken.

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
 ACCORD GENERAL SUR LES TARIFS DOUANIERS ET LE COMMERCE
 ACUERDO GENERAL SOBRE ARANCELES ADUANEROS Y COMERCIO

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1983/ETAT DES ARRIERES DE CONTRIBUTIONS AU 30 SEPTEMBRE 1983/
 CONTRIBUCIONES PENDIENTES AL 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1983

Country/Pays/País	US dollars/Dollars des États-Unis/Dólares EEUU		Swiss francs/Francs suisses/Francos suizos					
	1969/1972		1973/1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	Total 1973/1983
Argentina/Argentine							166,793	166,793
Bangladesh							58,250	58,250
Benin/Bénin						51,738	58,250	109,988
Brazil/Brésil/Brasil							645,550	645,550
Burundi			116,495	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	323,195
Central African Republic/République centrafricaine/República Centroafricana			144,422	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	351,122
Chad/Tchad	1969/1972	15,815	258,700	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	465,400
Congo, People's Republic/ Congo, République populaire/ Congo, República Popular/			44,989	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	251,689
Cuba							77,720	77,720
Dominican Republic/République Dominicaine/ República Dominicana	1971/1972	6,497	258,700	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	465,400
Gabon/Gabón							18,367	18,367
Gambia/Gambie			112,273	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	318,973
Ghana					27,507	53,170	58,250	138,927
Greece/Grèce/Grecia							22,296	22,296
Guyana/Guyane							58,250	58,250
Haiti/Haïti/Haití			75,425	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	282,125
Hungary/Hongrie/Hungría							5,930	5,930
Ivory Coast/Côte d'Ivoire/Costa de Marfil							26,844	26,844

Country/Pays/País	US dollars/Dollars des Etats-Unis/Dólares EEUU 1969/1972	Swiss francs/Francis suisses/Francos suizos					
		1973/1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	Total 1973/1983
Kampuchea, Democratic/Kampuchea démocratique/Kampuchea Democrática		245,306	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	452,006
Kenya						58,250	58,250
Kuwait/Koweït						383,450	383,450
Madagascar					33,713	58,250	91,963
Malaysia/Malaisie/Malasia						330,050	330,050
Maldives/Maldivas						58,250	58,250
Mauritania/Mauritanie		158,719	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	365,419
Nicaragua		224,338	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	431,038
Niger/Niger					11,788	58,250	70,038
Peru/Pérou/Perú		75,600	70,200	76,760	66,470	92,220	381,250
Philippines/Filipinas						49,897	49,897
Poland/Pologne/Polonia						519,350	519,350
Portugal						4,530	4,530
Romania/Roumanie/Rumania						368,890	368,890
Rwanda						58,250	58,250
Senegal/Sénégal			12,728	48,480	53,170	58,250	172,628
Sierra Leone/Sierra Leona		205,400	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	412,100
Singapore/Singapour/Singapur						446,550	446,550
Spain/Espagne/España						766,900	766,900
Tanzania/Tanzanie/Tanzanía			5,959	48,480	53,170	58,250	165,859
Togo			18,653	48,480	53,170	58,250	178,553
Tunisia/Tunisie/Túnez						1,940	1,940
Turkey/Turquie/Turquía						160,170	160,170
Uganda/Ouganda		94,670	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	301,370
United States of America/Etats-Unis d'Amérique/ Estados Unidos de América						7,042,860	7,042,860
Upper Volta/Haute-Volta/Alto Volta		67,009	46,800	48,480	53,170	58,250	273,709
Uruguay						58,250	58,250
Yugoslavia/Yougoslavie						354,320	354,320
Zaire/Zaire				48,280	53,170	58,250	159,700
Zambia/Zambie					53,170	58,250	111,420
Total	22,312	2,082,046	715,940	928,227	1,173,939	13,115,627	18,015,779

US \$ 22,312 at SwF 2.18 to US \$ 1.- equivalent to / 22.312 dollars EU à 2,18 FS par dollar EU, équivalent à/
22.312 dólares EE.UU a 2,18 FS por dolar, que equivalen a

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Comparative Figures for the Preceding Years
Tableau comparatif pour les années précédentes
Cifras comparativas para los años precedentes

	<u>Assessment for</u> <u>Contributions pour</u> <u>Contribuciones de</u>	<u>Amount outstanding as at 30 September</u> <u>Montant non encore payé au 30 septembre</u> <u>Saldo pendiente al 30 de septiembre</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Pourcentage</u> <u>Porcentaje</u>
1983	47,460,000 + 58,250	13,115,627	27,60
1982	44,310,000 + 53,170	10,900,718	24,57
1981	40,400,000	6,586,526	16,30
1980	39,000,000	6,583,449	16,88