

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

Situation of Outstanding Contributions as at 30 September 1985

Note by the Director-General

1. The Director-General reports as follows on the status of outstanding contributions as at 30 September 1985.

Outstanding contributions as at 30 September 1985

2. Outstanding contributions amounted to US\$22,312 (Sw F 51,318 at the accounting rate of Sw F 2.30/US\$1 effective as at 30 September 1985) in respect of assessments for the years 1969/1972, to Sw F 7,834,326 for the years 1973 to 1984 and to Sw F 13,994,824 in respect of current year's assessments. Thus a total of Sw F 21,880,468 was due on 30 September 1985 compared with amounts of Sw F 20,584,174 on 30 September 1984, Sw F 18,064,419 on 30 September 1983 and Sw F 15,213,054 on 30 September 1982. Contributions due from contracting parties as at 30 September 1985 are shown in the attached statement.

3. The amount of Sw F 13,994,824 still due on 30 September 1985 in respect of 1985 contributions represented 24.77 per cent of the total assessment. The corresponding figures were Sw F 14,421,167 (28.41 per cent) in 1984, Sw F 13,115,627 (26.99 per cent) in 1983 and Sw F 10,900,718 (24.57 per cent) in 1982.

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, and as a result, the collection of contributions in 1985 has slightly increased in comparison with the previous year's situation, as can be seen from the data shown in the table below. However, the present situation is still unsatisfactory and if no substantial payments are received within the coming days, the secretariat may encounter treasury difficulties.

Percentage of Outstanding Amounts for the Current Year's Contributions

As at	1982	1983	1984	1985
30 June	35.18	37.18	36.09	27.53
31 July	30.90	31.77	34.38	25.25
31 August	29.71	27.41	32.81	24.90
30 September	24.57	26.99	28.41	24.77

5. The present situation with regard to governments whose contributions are two or more years in arrears is as follows:

Belize: Since the accession to GATT no payment has yet been made. In January 1985, the secretariat was informed by a letter that the Government of Belize will do its utmost to effect payment of contributions due.

Benin: The latest payment of Sw F 58,250 was received in January 1984.

Burkina Faso: The latest payment of Sw F 23,791 was made in November 1978. In a letter of July 1985, the Government of Burkina Faso announced that economical difficulties prevented it from earmarking funds in 1985 for the GATT budget but that in future the financial obligations from Burkina Faso to GATT would be met.

Burundi: The latest payment of Sw F 38,882 was received in April 1978. In a letter of April 1983, the Government of Burundi announced its intention to settle the total arrears of contributions in 1984, but no payment has been received to date. Reminder letters have been sent regularly by the secretariat.

Central African Republic: In a letter of September 1983, the Government of the Central African Republic announced its intention to settle the arrears up to 1979 in four instalments from 1984 to 1987 and informed that the requests for contributions concerning 1980/1983 were transmitted for action to competent bodies. Since that date, three payments totalling Sw F 80,826 were received, in August 1984, May and June 1985 respectively.

Chad: In a letter dated 29 April 1983, 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. This proposal was accepted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Thirty-ninth session.

Congo, People's Republic of: The latest payment of Sw F 18,662 was received in May 1984. Reminder letters have been sent regularly by the secretariat.

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. In July 1985, discussions were held in Geneva between the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic and the Director-General of GATT with a view to initiating an arrangement for the payment of arrears of contributions.

Gambia: Since the latest payment of Sw F 21,227 in March 1977, the secretariat has received no communication, notwithstanding reminder letters which have been sent regularly.

Ghana: The latest payment of Sw F 62,205 was received in June 1983. In a letter dated June 1984 the Permanent Mission in Geneva requested information regarding outstanding contributions; no other communication has been received since that date.

Guyana: The latest payment of Sw F 214,212, representing the balance of contribution for 1978 and the entire contributions for 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982 was made in November 1982. No other communication has been received since then.

Haiti: In April 1978 the Government of Haiti undertook to make regular payments until the entire balance of arrears of contributions has been liquidated. Since the last meeting of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration in October 1984 four payments equivalent to a total of Sw F 55,585 have been received.

Democratic Kampuchea: 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.

Madagascar: The latest payment of Sw F 78,057 was received in November 1982. In reply to an oral request in January 1984, the secretariat provided detailed information regarding the amount outstanding. No other communication has been received since that date.

Mauritania: Since the latest payment of Sw F 5,917 in October 1978 no further communication has been received, despite numerous 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 in addition to the payment of current contributions in full in the years for which they are due. The GATT Council accepted this proposal on 11 June 1981. In June 1982, the Nicaraguan authorities, referring to the financial difficulties they were experiencing, 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. A first instalment equivalent to Sw F 98,859 was made in February 1984 and a second instalment equivalent to Sw F 114,912 in April 1985. The sum still due for 1985, in accordance with the arrangement, amounts to Sw F 84,955.

Niger: Since the latest payment of Sw F 45,091 made in February 1983, no communication has been received by the secretariat.

Peru: A payment of Sw F 145,800 representing the contributions for 1979 and 1980 was made in January 1984. Since that date no communication has been received by the secretariat.

Senegal: Two payments totalling Sw F 101,288 were received in 1983. No communication has been received since that date.

Sierra Leone: The latest payment of Sw F 27,800 was received in February 1975. The authorities of Sierra Leone, with whom the question of arrears of contributions has been taken up on numerous occasions, have indicated that action would be taken to liquidate the amount due. The secretariat has continued to send regular reminder letters and, in reply to a cable of June 1983, again provided detailed information regarding the amounts outstanding. Since that date no further communication has been received.

Tanzania: The latest payment of Sw F 48,480 was made in 1982. No other communication has been received since that date, in spite of regular reminder letters.

Togo: The latest payment equivalent to Sw F 18,691 was made in August 1984.

Uganda: A payment of Sw F 65,792 representing the balance of contribution for 1977, the entire contribution for 1978 and a part of contribution for 1979 was received in June 1985.

Zaire: The latest payment of Sw F 45,400 was made in January 1981. In April 1983 the secretariat was informed that the necessary steps of internal procedure for settlement of contributions were being taken. However, no further communication has been received by the secretariat in spite of regular reminder letters.

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1985/ETAT DES ARRIERES DE CONTRIBUTIONS AU 30 SEPTEMBRE 1985
CONTRIBUCIONES PENDIENTES AL 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1985

Country/Pays/Pais	US dollars/Dollars des Etats-Unis/Dólares EEUU 1969/1972		Swiss francs/Francs suisses/Francos suizos					Total 1973/1985
			1973/1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	
Argentina/Argentine						263,640	293,800	557,440
Bangladesh 1/							67,800	67,800
Belize/Bélize/Belice					58,250	60,840	67,800	186,890
Benin/Bénin					51,738	60,840	67,800	180,378
Brazil/Brésil/Brasil							785,350	785,350
Burkina Faso			162,289	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	402,349
Burundi			211,775	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	451,835
Cameroon/Cameroun/Camerún							57,751	57,751
Central African Republic/République centrafricaine/República Centroafricana			158,876	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	398,936
Chad/Tchad	1969/1972	15,815	353,980	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	594,040
Congo			121,606	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	361,666
Cuba						115,842	180,800	296,642
Cyprus/Cyprus/Chipre							67,800	67,800
Dominican Republic/République Dominicaine/ República Dominicana	1971/1972	6,497	353,980	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	594,040
Gabon/Gabón							49,920	49,920
Gambia/Gambia			207,553	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	447,613
Ghana			27,507	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	267,567
Greece/Grèce/Grecia						8,688	242,950	251,638
Guyana/Guyane					58,250	60,840	67,800	186,890
Haiti/Haïti/Haití			104,471	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	344,531
Ivory Coast/Côte d'Ivoire/Costa de Marfil						26,053	90,400	116,453
Kampuchea			340,586	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	580,646
Kenya							62,849	62,849
Madagascar				33,713	58,250	60,840	67,800	220,603
Malawi							15,354	15,354
Maldives/Maldivas							67,800	67,800

Country/Pays/País	US dollars/Dollars des Etats-Unis/Dólares EEU	Swiss francs/Francis suisses/Francos suizos					
	1969/1972	1973/1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	Total 1973/1985
Mauritania/Mauritanie		253,999	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	494,059
Nicaragua		224,937	53,170	2/	2/	67,800	345,907
Niger/Níger			11,788	58,250	60,840	67,800	198,678
Nigeria/Nigéria					388,100	581,950	970,050
Pakistan/Pakistán						149	149
Peru/Pérou/Perú		76,760	66,470	92,220	101,400	113,000	449,850
Philippines/Filipinas						223,477	223,477
Poland/Pologne/Polonia						440,700	440,700
Romania/Roumanie/Rumania						406,800	406,800
Senegal/Sénégal		61,208	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	301,268
Sierra Leone/Sierra Leona		300,680	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	540,740
Suriname						67,800	67,800
Tanzania/Tanzanie/Tanzanía		54,439	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	294,499
Togo			21,970	58,250	60,840	67,800	208,860
Trinidad and Tobago/Trinité-et-Tobago/ Trinidad y Tabago						42,557	42,557
Turkey/Turquie/Turquía						68,710	68,710
Uganda/Ouganda		124,158	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	364,218
United States of America/Etats-Unis d'Amérique/ Estados Unidos de América						8,407,200	8,407,200
Uruguay						67,800	67,800
Zaire/Zaire		48,280	53,170	58,250	60,840	67,800	288,340
Zambia/Zambia						32,707	32,707
TOTAL	22,312	3,187,084	1,037,831	1,367,208	2,242,203	13,994,824	21,829,150

US\$22,312 at Sw F 2.30 to US\$1.- equivalent to / 22.312 dollars EU à 2,30 FS par dollar EU, équivalent à /
22.312 dólares EE.UU a 2,30 FS por dólar, que equivalen a

51,318
21,880,468

1/ Payment announced / Paiement annoncé / Se ha anunciado el pago.

2/ In conformity with the payment proposal approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in November 1982.
En conformité avec la proposition de paiement approuvée par les PARTIES CONTRACTANTES en novembre 1982.
En conformidad con la propuesta de pago aprobada por las PARTES CONTRATANTES en noviembre de 1982.