

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

#### Contributions of Democratic Kampuchea

##### Note by the Director-General

1. Following the announcement by the Government of Cambodia in October 1958 that it had decided in principle to accede to the GATT (L/900), the CONTRACTING PARTIES established a scale of contributions for 1959 which included a contribution for Cambodia, on the assumption that the country's accession or provisional accession would take place during the course of 1959.
2. The accession of Cambodia to the GATT was accepted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 5 June 1962 (L/1796), and although the Protocol of Accession was not signed by Cambodia, the latter nevertheless paid its contributions for the years 1959 to 1970, as well as its two advances to the Working Capital Fund.
3. The payments were interrupted in March 1971 but resumed by the Khmer Republic from January 1972 to January 1974. The secretariat has not received any contributions since that date.
4. The secretariat has continued regularly to include each year a contribution for the country in question, even during the interruption of postal communications between May 1975 and April 1979.
5. In July 1980 the Permanent Mission of Democratic Kampuchea acknowledged receipt of a letter concerning outstanding contributions and stated that the contents had been forwarded to the Government, whose reply would be transmitted. That reply has not yet been received.
6. An examination of the statement of contributions appearing in the Annex shows that the arrears cover a period of fifteen years. As the Government has so far not responded to the repeated requests of the secretariat, and since the legal justification for assessing a country which has not completed its procedure of accession to the General Agreement is not clearly established, the Committee may wish to consider the possibility of ceasing to assess Democratic Kampuchea until such time as that country's status with regard to the GATT has been clarified.
7. The Director-General further proposes that the full amount of the arrears, totalling Sw F 723,206, should be written off.

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ANNEX

Contribution of Democratic Kampuchea to the Budget of  
the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

Status of Outstanding Contributions as at 30 June 1987

|                                  | <u>Swiss francs</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance of contribution for 1973 | 12,106              |
| Contribution for 1974            | 27,800              |
| Contribution for 1975            | 31,600              |
| Contribution for 1976            | 40,300              |
| Contribution for 1977            | 42,700              |
| Contribution for 1978            | 45,400              |
| Contribution for 1979            | 45,400              |
| Contribution for 1980            | 46,800              |
| Contribution for 1981            | 48,480              |
| Contribution for 1982            | 53,170              |
| Contribution for 1983            | 58,250              |
| Contribution for 1984            | 60,840              |
| Contribution for 1985            | 67,800              |
| Contribution for 1986            | 70,440              |
| Contribution for 1987            | 72,120              |
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| Total                            | 723,206             |
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