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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Held at the Centre William Rappard, Geneva,  
on 11 April 1995 at 10 a.m.**

**Chairman: H.E. Mr. M. Zahran (Egypt)**

**Representatives present:**

Australia	Mr. Kenyon
Benelux	Mr. Buckley
Brazil	Ms. Plate (Netherlands)
Canada	Mr. Cozendey
Colombia	Mr. Gosselin
Egypt	Mr. Osorio Londoño
El Salvador	Mr. Zahran
France	Mrs. Tobar Sandoval
Italy	Mr. Metzger
Mexico	Mr. Meloni
Philippines	Mr. de la Peña
United Kingdom	Mr. Borillo
United States	Mr. Stoddart
	Mr. Shoyer

**Subject discussed:** Appointment of a new Executive Secretary.

Mr. Zahran (Egypt) was elected Chairman of the meeting.

The Chairman recalled that in accordance with the Agreement on the Transfer of Assets, Liabilities, Records, Staff and Functions from the ICITO and the GATT to the World Trade Organization, the ICITO was to be dissolved on the date on which the members of the Secretariat of the WTO were appointed. Since the WTO Secretariat members have not been appointed, the ICITO was therefore still in existence.

The purpose of this meeting was to consider the question of the replacement of the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization, Mr. Peter Sutherland. The term of office of Mr. Sutherland as Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT was due to expire on 30 April 1995. At a Special Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, held on 24 March 1995, the CONTRACTING PARTIES approved the appointment of Mr. Renato Ruggiero as their new Director-General as of 1 May 1995.

ICITO from the very beginning, one further procedural step had to be taken within the context of this Executive Committee.

The Chairman also recalled that ICITO was created in 1948 by a Resolution adopted at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment in Havana, to carry out specific functions pending the establishment of the International Trade Organization. The Executive Committee of ICITO, in September 1948, approved financial arrangements which conferred authority to the Executive Secretary of ICITO to provide secretariat services to the CONTRACTING PARTIES. This arrangement between ICITO and the CONTRACTING PARTIES continued to this day.

From a legal point of view, it was therefore the Executive Secretary of ICITO who provided secretariat services to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

The Chairman therefore proposed that the Executive Committee of ICITO agree to the appointment of Mr. Renato Ruggiero as Executive Secretary, to be effective from the date of his assumption of office as Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT.

The Executive Committee so agreed.

The Chairman expressed gratitude on behalf of the Executive Committee to Mr. P. Sutherland for having served as Executive Secretary of the ICITO and wished success to Mr. R. Ruggiero in discharging his responsibilities as the new Executive Secretary of the ICITO.

The meeting closed at 10.15 a.m.