Dear GATT Fellow,

Early in 1958, when the GATT training programme started on its third year of existence, it appeared that, to keep in touch with all our fellows, an informative newsletter should be sent to them from time to time. The first newsletter went out on 23 June 1958.

Since then a lot has happened, on your side, no doubt, as on ours. But, while it is an easy task for us to keep you posted on our activities by sending you publications and press releases, it has proven very difficult indeed to follow, as we should like to do, the development of your career. That is why, to fill the gap, you will find at the end of this letter a questionnaire requesting information on yourself and your present position. And, in our next newsletter, which we plan for July 1961 or earlier if practicable, we would reproduce the contents of your reply so that your friends and colleagues of the GATT family would know where to reach you.

We have been sending you regularly all our new publications and the press releases issued at the end of each session. You should, therefore, be well briefed on our recent activities. However, you may like to have a few short comments on the programme for 1961.

Among the main events for this year will be the second phase of the GATT Tariff Conference which opened in Geneva on 1 September 1960. The first phase of the Conference, which was mainly concerned with renegotiations with the Member States of the EEC, will probably end towards the end of January or shortly thereafter. Then the general round of tariff negotiations will take place, including negotiations for concessions in the new EEC common external customs tariff and negotiations by new countries wanting full accession, such as Cambodia, Israel, Spain, Portugal, and Ireland. Argentina, which acceded provisionally, will negotiate as soon as its tariff is in force. You may be interested to know that the Conference, instead of taking place at the Palais des Nations, is meeting in a brand-new building, located in the heart of town, which the Geneva authorities have made available to the GATT for that particular purpose.
As a matter of fact, the Villa Le Bocage itself is becoming overcrowded and, as the Contracting Parties have voted at the last session a much larger budget for 1961, in view of the expanding responsibilities and duties being given to the GATT secretariat, the staff is going to increase during the next two years, and will have to spread over two buildings at close range: one group will stay in the Villa, another is going to migrate to new, semi-permanent quarters, to be built near the exit to Villa Le Bocage over the next six months.

As well as the Tariff Conference and the two sessions of the Contracting Parties, the eighteenth session taking place in May and the nineteenth session, which may include a meeting at the Ministerial level, being scheduled for November, the new Council of Representatives of the Contracting Parties will meet several times during 1961. It was established in 1960 in order to deal with business arising between the sessions of the Contracting Parties. The Council, which has met twice so far, will not only examine questions referred to it by the Contracting Parties, as well as questions of an urgent character, but will also be very useful in supervising the work of Committees and in preparing for the sessions. This will help to lighten the heavy burden of work which invariably faces the Contracting Parties.

Since the twelfth session we have been very happy to greet some of our GATT fellows in the position of delegates of their own governments at our meetings. Among these were:

Messrs. K.N. Arkaah (Ghana), A.B. Blum Flor (Ecuador), A. Caradimas (Greece), I. Darsa (Indonesia), R.W. Dell (Rhodesia and Nyasaland), E. Dupont (Haiti), U Tin M.M. Galay (Burma), O. Hrachovina (Czechoslovakia), L.J. Mariadason (Ceylon), M.G. Mathur (India), S. Narasimhan (India), Nasruddin bin Mohamed (Malaya), R. Routamo (Finland), Z. Rurarz (Poland), V.E. Santiapillai (Ceylon), Sujak bin Rahiman (Malaya), K. Takahashi (Japan)

And, during trips to various countries undertaken over the last few years by our Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. Jean Royer reported how very pleased he was to meet again a number of former GATT fellows.

We would like also to mention the first issue of a new publication "Developments in Commercial Policy", which was released in November 1960. Previously a part of the GATT annual report, the new study will be issued from now on twice a year. Copies will be sent to you upon request.

With this newsletter, you will find enclosed a complete list of our GATT fellows, from the first training course to the current one. This will enable you to see how steadily our GATT family is growing.
Reflecting the wide scope of GATT and the fact that GATT fellows have come from so many countries in different parts of the world, we would be delighted to receive from you an occasional short article describing the serious and also the humorous side of your daily work. We would include it in our next newsletters or use it in our radio talks on the GATT training programme.

We would also welcome any practical suggestion regarding the training programme or the practical ways of maintaining and developing contact among former GATT fellows and between them and the GATT secretariat.

All our best wishes for a very happy and successful New Year.

January 1961
QUESTIONNAIRE

GATT Fellows

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List of GATT Fellows
January 1956 - March 1961

Training course No.1: January - June 1956

M. E. DUFOIT (Haiti) is in the Economic and Administrative Department of the National Bank of the Republic of Haiti. He has plans for articles and lectures concerning GATT and hopes soon to be able to put them into effect.

Mr. R. MARDONES OYARZUN (Chile) has been appointed Secretary for Economic and Commercial Affairs at the Chilean Embassy in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr. M.G. MATHUR (India) is Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of India. He was a member of his Government's delegation to the twelfth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Mr. C.S. PARITISIS (Greece) is a head of unit in the Tariff Department, Ministry of Finance. He published three articles in 1957, on the following subjects: International Trade in 1957, The Most-Favoured-Nation Clause in Multilateral Agreements, and The Escape Clause (Article XIX of the General Agreement).

Training course No.2: July - December 1956

Mr. L.DARSA (Indonesia) is in the Foreign Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Djakarta. He was a member of his Government's delegation to the twelfth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Mr. F.D. JOHANET (Cuba) (we are still awaiting news from him)

Mr. L.J. MARLADASON (Ceylon) is Commercial Attaché, Office of the High Commissioner for Ceylon in the United Kingdom. He was a member of the Ceylon delegation to the twelfth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and represented his Government in the Working Party on the Association of Overseas Territories with the European Economic Community, which met at Geneva in 1958, and in the Interessional Committee in April of the same year.

Mr. R. SHUJA (Pakistan) is a Gazetted Officer in the Trade Agreements Branch, Ministry of Commerce.

Mr. I. TURGAY (Turkey) is Adviser in the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce.
Training course No. 3: January - June 1957

Mr. C.S. de ALMEIDA (Brazil) is Technical Assistant in Economics, National Bank for Economic Development.

Mr. M. AQIL (Pakistan) who attended one month of the course, is in the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Government of Pakistan.

Mr. J. ARMIJO MEJIA (Nicaragua) is Chief of the Economic Studies Section in the Ministry of Finance, Managua.

Mr. A. CARADIMIS (Greece) is an official in the Tariff Department of the Ministry of Finance, and deals particularly with the application of the provisions of GATT and bilateral trade agreements.

Mr. R.W. DELI (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland) is Senior Principal, Export Promotion Section, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He was a member of his Government's delegation to the twelfth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Mr. J. GARCIA PACHECO (Chile) is an Officer in the Customs Administration of Chile.

Mr. SUJAK BIN RAHMAN (Federation of Malaya) is Deputy Controller of Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He was a member of his Government's delegation to the twelfth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and represented his Government at the recent meeting of the Inter-sessional Committee.

Training course No. 4: July - December 1957

Mr. C. DALKILIC (Turkey) is Rapporteur in the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. N.K. DAS (India) is Chief Research Officer in the Office of the Economic Adviser to the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. J. LAINE (Finland) is Departmental Secretary, Commerce Section, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. J. O'N. LEWIS (Trinidad) has been posted to the new Planning and Development Department of the West Indies Federation, as Assistant Economic Adviser.
Mr. U. PINTO (Chile) is in charge of GATT matters in the Research Bureau of the Department of Economics, Ministry of Foreign Relations.

Daw SANN SHIN (Burma) is Deputy Director, Central Statistical and Economics Department, Ministry of National Planning. After leaving Geneva at the end of the course, Miss Shin went to Ottawa to spend three months at the Canadian Statistical Bureau and the Department of Trade and Commerce; this assignment was arranged under the Colombo Plan.

Training course No.5: January - June 1958

Mr. K. AHMED (Pakistan) Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

Mr. A.B. BLIM FLOR (Ecuador) General Assistant of the General Manager, Central Bank of Ecuador.

Mr. L.G. DURAN GONZAILEZ (Cuba) Chief of United Nations Economic Affairs, Ministry of State.

U Tin Maung Maung GALAY (Burma) Trade Promotion Officer, Ministry of Trade and Development.

Mr. R. ROUTAMO (Finland) Junior Presenter, Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. V.E. SANTIAPELLAI (Ceylon) Commercial Assistant, Department of Commerce.

The study tour for the group, which took place at the beginning of June, included visits to London, Brussels, Vienna and Rome.

Mr. N. AMAYA (Japan), from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, took part in the training course for two months.
Training course No.6: July – December 1958

Mr. G. APOSTOLOPOULOS (Greece) Assistant to the Chief, Customs Valuation Section, Ministry of Finance, Greece.

Mr. Nasruddin BIN MOHAMMED (Federation of Malaya) Senior Assistant Controller, Trade Division, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Federation of Malaya.

Mr. J. PENMAN (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland) Collector of Customs and Excise, Department of Customs and Excise, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Mr. B. RADIVOJEVIC (Yugoslavia) Attaché, International Organizations Department, Secretariat of State for Foreign Affairs, Yugoslavia.

Mr. H.E. YIGIT (Turkey) Rapporteur, Ministry of Commerce, Turkey.

In addition, arrangements were made between the Czechoslovak Government and UNTAA for an official of that Government to follow the training course; he was

Mr. O. HRACHOVINA (Czechoslovakia) Junior Official, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czechoslovakia.

Training course No.7: January – June 1959

Mr. K.N. ARKAH (Ghana) Assistant Commercial Officer, Ministry of Trade, Ghana.

Mr. J. GIRDLESTONE (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland) Private Secretary to the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Mr. F. KLEMM (Federal Republic of Germany) Deputy Chief of Section for GATT and United Nations Economic Organizations, Federal Republic of Germany, who attended the course for three months.

Mr. S. NARASIMHAN (India) Second Secretary, High Commission of India in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Z. RURARZ (Poland) Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Poland.

Mr. K. TAKAHASHI (Japan) Vice-Assistant of Chief of Section, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Japan, who attended the course for the month of January only.
Training course No.8: July - December 1959

Mr. A. BESANA (Philippines)  
Technical Assistant, Tariff Commission, Republic of the Philippines.

Mr. H.C. CUMMING (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland)  
Collector of the  
Department of Customs and Excise,  
Assistant to Controller, Federation of  
Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Mr. M. MUHIUDDIN (Pakistan)  
Research Officer, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Pakistan.

Mr. V. NIVATONGS (Thailand)  
Chief of Economic Planning Division,  
Department of Economic Relations, Thailand.

Mr. A. PARASKEVAS (Greece)  
Chief of Division, Direction of Customs,  
Ministry of Finance, Greece.

Mr. N. SOZMEN (Turkey)  
Rapporteur, Ministry of Commerce, Foreign Trade Department, Turkey.

Training course No.9: January - June 1960

Mr. S.E. BASSEY (Ghana)  
Assistant Commercial Officer, Ministry of Trade, Ghana.

Mr. E.G.O. BEECROFT (Nigeria)  
Commercial Officer, Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Nigeria.

Shri R. S. DESHPANDE (India)  
Research Officer, Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India.

Mr. T.S. HOO (Indonesia)  
Custom Inspector, Head of the Custom Appraising Office, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia.

Mr. M. INTNER (Israel)  
Head of the Economic Research Section, Directorate of Customs and Excise, Ministry of Finance, Israel.

Mr. H. S. KAIHA (Finland)  
Attaché, Commercial Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland.

Mr. I. KRISMURTI (Indonesia)  
Commercial Officer, Bureau for Foreign Trade Relations, Ministry of Trade, Indonesia.

There were also two "auditeurs libres", Mr. K.G. AHRENS, from the Federal Republic of Germany and Mr. G. LAHAV from Israel.
Training course No. 10: September 1960 - March 1961

Mr. S. COUVELAS (Greece)  Principal Customs Officer, Athens Airport, Greece.

Mr. R.A. GRIFFITH (Trinidad)  Assistant Secretary, Federal Ministry of Trade and Industry, Government of the West Indies, Trinidad.

Mr. J. MELERO (Argentina)  Director for International Economic Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Commerce, Argentina.

Mr. M. MOHSNI (Tunisia)  Inspector of External Services, Secretariat of State for Finance and Commerce, Division of External Finance and Commerce, Tunisia.