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ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Views of the executive heads of organizations transmitted  
in response to paragraph 13 of Council resolution 1768 (LIV)

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

"GATT has certain arrangements of a practical nature with the United Nations and some of its organs, including the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and certain of its sub-bodies and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, and it may be that information about some of these arrangements could be of interest to the Council.

"I am, therefore, enclosing with this letter copies of letters exchanged with the United Nations in 1952, the texts of arrangements made with the International Monetary Fund during the years 1948 to 1951, and the texts of a report adopted by the Contracting Parties and a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1967 regarding the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre. These documents are relevant to our arrangements with the United Nations, IMF and UNCTAD respectively."

Olivier LONG  
Director-General

Annex I

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE  
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE AND THE SECRETARY-  
GENERAL

Letter dated 11 August 1952 from the Executive Secretary of the  
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the conversations I have had with your representative pursuant to a recommendation of the Contracting Parties at their sixth session (GATT/CP.6/41) that I consult with you as to whether a clearly defined arrangement were desirable between the Contracting Parties and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate communications between the two bodies and to avoid unnecessary duplication of work.

The conclusion at which we have arrived as a result of these discussions is that it would not appear necessary at the present time to proceed to consider such formal arrangements, but that it would be desirable to give you formal advice of the relationship that has been in existence since 1948 between the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization whereby the Executive Secretary of the latter is also Executive Secretary to the Contracting Parties.

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure for sessions of the Contracting Parties states that "the usual duties of a secretariat shall, by agreement with the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization, be performed by the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission on a reimbursable basis". This rule derives from an arrangement made at the second session of the Contracting Parties that they would employ the services of the secretariat of the Interim Commission on a reimbursable basis. This arrangement was agreed to by the Interim Commission at the second session of its Executive Committee. Since 1 January 1951 the Contracting Parties have, under this arrangement, borne the entire cost of the Interim Commission secretariat.

It is the feeling of your representative and myself that the existence of this arrangement, coupled with the close de facto working arrangements which exist between the United Nations Secretariat and the secretariat of the Interim Commission, renders it unnecessary to make separate or formal agreements relating to the work of the General Agreement.

I shall be grateful if you will take note of the secretariat arrangements between the Interim Commission and the Contracting Parties as described in this letter.

(Signed) E. WYNDHAM WHITE  
Executive Secretary

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Letter dated 25 August 1952 addressed to the Executive  
Secretary of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade  
from the Secretary-General

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11 August referring to the conversations you have had with my representatives pursuant to a recommendation of the Contracting Parties at their sixth session that you consult with me as to whether a clearly defined arrangement were desirable between the Contracting Parties and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate communications between the two bodies and to avoid unnecessary duplication of work. The conclusion we have arrived at as a result of these discussions is that it would not appear necessary at the present time to consider such formal arrangements but that it would be desirable to give me formal advice on the relationship that has been in existence since 1948 between the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization whereby the Executive Secretary of the latter is also the Executive Secretary to the Contracting Parties.

I note that rule 15 of the rules of procedure for sessions of the Contracting Parties states that "the usual duties of the secretariat shall, by agreement with the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization, be performed by the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission on a reimbursable basis"; and that this rule derives from an arrangement made at the second session of the Contracting Parties that they would employ the services of the secretariat of the Interim Commission on a reimbursable basis. I note that this arrangement was agreed to by the Interim Commission at the second session in its Executive Committee and that since 1 January 1951 the Contracting Parties have, under this arrangement, borne the entire cost of the Interim Commission secretariat.

I understand it is our common opinion that the existence of this arrangement, coupled with the close de facto working arrangements which exist between the United Nations Secretariat and the secretariat of the Interim Commission renders it unnecessary to make a special or formal agreement relating to the General Agreement.

At the same time, I take note of the secretariat arrangements between the Interim Commission and the Contracting Parties as described in your letter.

(Signed) Trygve LIE  
Secretary-General