

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Note by the Director-General

1. The Director-General has recently been informed by Sir David Pitblado, K.C.B., C.V.O., that as a consequence of his retirement from the office of Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom on 15 February 1976, he would have to relinquish also his position of External Auditor to GATT from the same date. Sir David is to be succeeded as Comptroller and Auditor General by Sir Douglas Henley, K.C.B., who would also be willing to accept appointment as GATT's External Auditor. Sir Douglas is at present Second Permanent Secretary in the Treasury.

2. The Director-General therefore recommends that the CONTRACTING PARTIES approve this appointment with effect from 16 February 1976 and invites the CONTRACTING PARTIES to express their thanks and appreciation to Sir David Pitblado for the most valuable services rendered during his term as External Auditor since 1971.

POINT FOR DECISION: Paragraph 2

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