

WTO SECRETARIAT AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Decision Adopted by the General Council on 24 April 1997

*Members,*

*Considering* the need to enhance the functioning and operational efficiency of the Secretariat to meet challenges facing the organization, including through a rationalization of the senior management structure in the light of Members' intention to reduce significantly the number of Deputy Directors-General,

*Considering* the importance that a decision on these matters be taken before the appointment of the next Director-General,

*Decide:*

1. To request the Director-General to submit a report with his recommendations to the General Council as soon as possible but not later than October 1997 on how the functioning and operational efficiency of the Secretariat might be enhanced to meet challenges facing the organization, including through a rationalization of the senior management structure in the light of Members' intention to reduce significantly the number of Deputy Directors-General.
2. That consideration in the General Council of the matters referred to in paragraph 1 above be initiated before the end of 1997, so that decisions may be taken before the appointment of the next Director-General and reflected in the 1999 Budget of the WTO.