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ARTHUR DUNKEL (SWITZERLAND) APPOINTED DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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At a special session of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Contracting Parties (member Governments) held in Geneva on 28 April, Arthur Dunkel, of Switzerland, was unanimously chosen as Director-General of GATT.

He will succeed Olivier Long, Director-General since 1968.

Mr. Dunkel is at present the Swiss Federal Council's Delegate for Trade Agreements, with the rank of Ambassador. As such, he has been in charge for Switzerland since 1976 of international trade policy matters.

He has been head of the Swiss delegation to the recently-concluded Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations in GATT, and to other important international economic conferences. He has also had long and close experience of GATT's other work, as Permanent Representative of Switzerland to GATT from 1973 to 1976, as Chairman of GATT's Balance-of-Payments Committee from 1972 to 1975, and as Swiss representative in other major GATT bodies such as the Consultative Group of Eighteen.

Mr. Dunkel is expected to take up office as Director-General of GATT early in the autumn. Mr. Long has agreed to remain until that time.

Born on 28 August 1932, Mr. Dunkel received a degree in Economic and Commercial Sciences in 1956 from the University of Lausanne. He is married and has two children.

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