

**General Council**

**26 March 1999**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held in the Centre William Rappard  
on 26 March 1999

*Chairman: Mr. Ali Mchumo (Tanzania)*

### **1. Election of the Chairman, members and alternates of the Management Board of the WTO Pension Plan (WT/GC/W/155)**

The Chairman said that this special meeting had been convened in order for the General Council to take an urgent decision on the election of the Chairman, members and alternates of the Management Board for the WTO Pension Plan, since any delay would adversely affect the functioning of that Plan. Article 4 of the Regulations of the WTO Pension Plan provided for the establishment of a Management Board comprising, *inter alia*, a Chairman, four members and four alternates elected by the General Council. Following consultations on this matter, he proposed for election to the above positions the following candidates on which delegations had been informed through document WT/GC/W/155:

Chairman:	Ambassador Kamel Morjane (Tunisia)
Members:	Ambassador Anthony Hill (Jamaica) Mr. Mark Linscott (USA) Mr. Michael Stone (Hong Kong, China) Mr. Peter Van der Gaast (Netherlands)
Alternates:	Mr. Hakki Akil (Turkey) Mr. Andrew Johnston (United Kingdom) Mr. Patrick Krappie (South Africa) Ms. Laurence Wiedmer (Switzerland)

The representative of Turkey said that his delegation had expressed an interest in taking part in this Board, and had understood that it was to notify this to Mr. Lavorel, Deputy Director-General, who would in turn notify the Chairman. He said that there had been some misunderstanding between his delegation and Mr. Lavorel, and regretted that Turkey's candidate had not been chosen to be a member.

The representative of Bulgaria said that his delegation had never been included in the consultations to which the Chairman had referred. Any such consultations should involve more transparency, and the airgrams convening formal meetings should clearly indicate the documents under consideration.

The Chairman said that the airgram in WTO/AIR/1049 made clear reference to document WT/GC/W/155 to which he had referred. He said that where there were reservations concerning the

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consultations held, delegations should approach him directly. He asked for Turkey's understanding and said that while alternate members on the Board did not vote, decisions were taken by consensus and thus members and alternates participated equally.

The General Council took note of the statements and agreed on the election of the above individuals to the Management Board of the WTO Pension Plan<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> WT/L/297