

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT



GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Consultative Committee on the Global Trust Fund

General conditions for the implementation of the Global Trust Fund

1. Donors shall deposit their contributions to the GTF in convertible currencies of unrestricted use to ITC account no. CO:590.162.1, Société de Banque Suisse, Case postale 2770, CH-1211 Genève 2.
2. Donors shall specify the Window to which these funds will be applied. Activities will be initiated only as and when funds are actually received; allotments will not exceed cash available.
3. Any income resulting from the short-term investment of undisbursed resources will be credited to the originating Window.
4. The funds and the activities financed therefrom shall be administered by ITC in accordance with the applicable United Nations regulations and rules. Accordingly, personnel shall be engaged and administered; equipment, supplies and services purchased; and contracts entered into in accordance with the provisions of such regulations and rules.
5. All financial accounts and statements shall be expressed in United States dollars.
6. The GTF shall be charged with expenditures incurred in the implementation of approved activities.
7. The GTF will also be charged with thirteen percent (13%) of all expenditures from the Fund, for programme support services provided by ITC in the implementation of all activities.
8. ITC will not make any commitments above the amounts specified for expenditures for the individual Window and/or Programme.
9. If unforeseen expenditures arise, ITC will submit a supplementary budget to the donors showing the further financing that will be necessary. If no such further financing is available, the assistance provided to the programme/project may be reduced or, if necessary be terminated. In no event will ITC assume any liability in excess of the funds provided in the GTF.

10. During the progress of activities, ownership of equipment, supplies and other property financed from the GTF shall vest in ITC. On the termination or expiration of the activities, the matter of ownership shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Programme document.

11. The GTF shall be subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures laid down in the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

12. ITC shall provide members of the Consultative Committee of the GTF with the following global financial statements and reports prepared in accordance with the United Nations accounting and reporting procedures:

- (a) an annual financial statement showing income, expenditure and fund balance as of 31 December each year with respect to all funds provided to each Window.
- (b) a final financial statement within six months of the date of expiration or termination of Programme activities.

13. On closure of the GTF, the funds will continue to be held by ITC until all commitments entered into by ITC have been satisfied from such funds; thereafter, any surplus remaining in the GTF shall be used for a purpose determined by ITC in consultation with the Consultative Committee.