



The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment meets at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, on 10 April 1947. © United Nations



The United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment meets in November 1947 in Havana, Cuba, to draft the ill-fated Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization. © United Nations



Eric Wyndham-White, Executive Secretary and subsequently GATT Director-General, 1948 to 1968.
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Olivier Long (*right*), GATT
Director-General, 1968 to 1980.
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Arthur Dunkel (*right*),
GATT Director-General,
1980 to 1993.

The original contracting parties to GATT hold one of their first sessions at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, on 17 August 1948.
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The second GATT round is held in Annecy, France, in 1949.
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The inaugural meeting of the Dillon Round is held at the Palais des Nations on 1 September 1960.
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The launch of the Tokyo Round
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The Uruguay Round
is launched in
Punta del Este on
20 September 1986.



GATT Director-General
Peter Sutherland presides in
Geneva over the conclusion
of the Uruguay Round on
15 December 1993.
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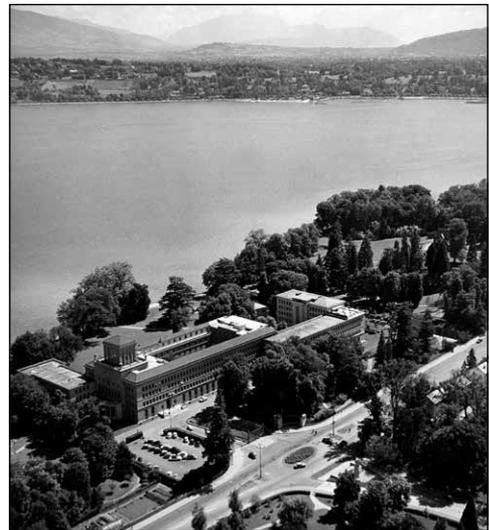
US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor signs the Final Act of the Uruguay Round at the Marrakesh Ministerial Meeting, on 15 April 1994.



The "green room" inside the Centre William Rappard, years after renovations rendered its title figurative rather than literal. Photo first published in *Le Temps* in 2008.
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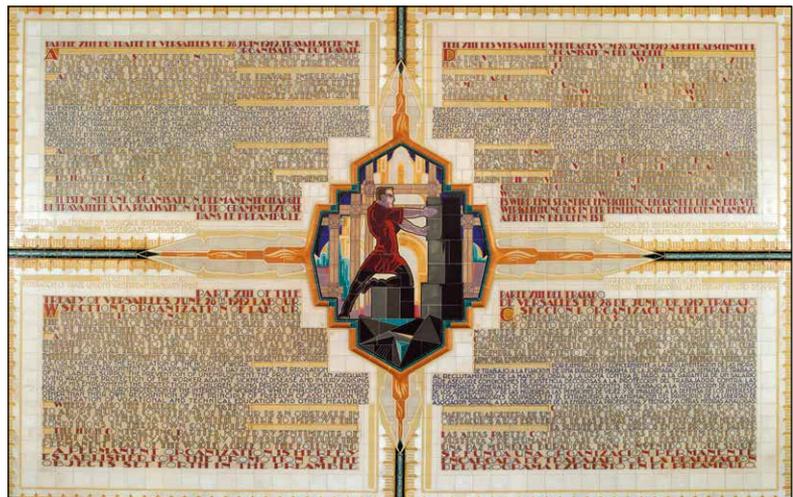


The Centre William Rappard, just before the official opening in June 1926. The building was originally headquarters to the International Labour Organization (ILO). *Below right* Wings at each end of the building were added in 1951. © ILO Historical Archives



Above "Irish Industrial Development" (1961) by Sean Keating, one of the many works of art in the Centre William Rappard.

Right The Delft panel (1926) by Albert Hahn Jr. reproduces part of the preamble of the ILO Constitution in four languages and can be found in the main entrance to the Centre William Rappard.





Above The conference centre adjacent to the Centre William Rappard was completed in 1998.



Left The Centre William Rappard in 2004.



Above Depictions of "Peace" (left) and "Justice" (right) (1924) by Luc Jaggi flank the main entrance to the home of the WTO.

The new atrium in the Centre William Rappard, inaugurated on 1 May 2012.



A new building adjoining the existing Centre William Rappard, inaugurated in 2013, brings all WTO staff under the same roof for the first time.
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