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Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft

REPORT (1995) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

1. This report is submitted under Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft and Article IV.8 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization. It sets out the activities of the Committee since November 1994.

2. On 17 November 1995 there were 22 Signatories to the Agreement: Canada, the European Communities, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Japan, Macau¹, Norway, Romania, Switzerland and the United States. Greece has signed the Agreement subject to ratification. The other countries with observer status in the Committee are: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, the Czech Republic, Finland, Gabon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malta, Mauritius, Nigeria, Poland, Singapore, the Slovak Republic, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Turkey. In addition, China, the Russian Federation and Chinese Taipei have observer status in the Committee. The IMF and UNCTAD are also observers.

3. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held one meeting in the period under review, on 17 November 1995. During that meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee of his views regarding the status of the Agreement as an agreement included in Annex 4 to the WTO Agreement. The Chairman was of the opinion that the situation was highly unsatisfactory because the application of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft in its present form was creating considerable legal uncertainty and, in addition, there was no effective dispute settlement procedure. Several delegations shared the Chairman's views and agreed to work with him with the aim of resolving this matter. The Chairman also reported to the Committee on the work of the Sub-Committee established to conduct negotiations under Article 8.3 of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.

4. On 17 November 1995, the Sub-Committee of the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft was composed of 32 participants: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, the European Communities, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, the United Kingdom and the United States. In the period under review, the Sub-Committee held one meeting, on 17 November 1995. At that meeting, it had before it replies to the questionnaire on government involvement in the civil aircraft sector (AIR/RN/11/Rev.1). The Sub-Committee was not in a position to take any decision on how to continue its work. The Chairman will hold informal consultations on this matter. The Note on the Sub-Committee's meeting is contained in TCA/1.

5. The Minutes of the Committee's meeting are contained in document TCA/M/1.

¹The Government of Macau accepted the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft, done at Geneva on 12 April 1979, on 14 July 1995 (see: WT/Let/27, 19 July 1995). The Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft entered into force on 13 August 1995 for the Government of Macau.