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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE 1974

Note by the Secretariat

1. The annual meeting of the Committee will open on 30 September 1974 at 3 p.m. in Villa Le Bocage, Geneva.
2. The Working Party on the Acceptance of the Anti-Dumping Code will meet in connexion with the meeting of the Committee. The meeting of the Working Party will open on 1 October at 3 p.m. in Villa Le Bocage.
3. The items to be discussed at the meeting of the Committee are:
 - (i) Examination of reports submitted under Article 16 of the Agreement

Members of the Committee who have not already done so are requested to submit without delay reports covering the period 1 July 1973-30 June 1974.¹ A standard form for such reports was adopted by the Committee in 1969 (see document COM.AD/9, paragraphs 51-54).

- (ii) Examination of national legislation

- (a) It was agreed at the 1973 meeting that the examination of the legislation of Spain could continue at the 1974 meeting (COM.AD/30, paragraph 42).

- (b) The Anti-Dumping Laws and Regulations of the Parties to the Anti-Dumping Code have been circulated in the 1974 Anti-Dumping Legislation document. As indicated in document COM.AD/W/41, the present legislation of Denmark had not previously been circulated, and members of the Committee would therefore be free to raise questions relating to the Danish legislation.

¹Reports under Article 16 have been received from the European Economic Community and the United Kingdom. These are being circulated in document COM.AD/31.

(iii) Adherence of further countries to the Code

As indicated in paragraph 2 above, the Working Party on the Acceptance of the Anti-Dumping Code by developing countries will meet in connexion with the meeting of the Committee. It will be recalled (Spec(73)52) that at its 1973 meeting the Working Party agreed to adopt the text of the note contained in paragraph 5 of that document on an ad referendum basis, but that before the expiration of the time-limit for objections a communication from the Government of Egypt was received by the secretariat, thus necessitating another meeting of the Working Party (Spec(74)14).

(iv) Examination of questionnaires used in price investigations

The Committee decided at its 1971 meeting that members of the Committee should notify changes in their practices and questionnaires in price investigations abroad, and that the item should remain on the agenda of forthcoming meetings of the Committee (COM.AD/19, paragraph 84). No new notifications have been received since the 1973 meeting.

(v) Other business

(a) After the 1973 meeting the Japanese Government submitted a note on the United States Policy with respect to Voluntary Undertakings (COM.AD/29, dated 22 October 1973). Other countries were given a period of three months for additional comments, but no such comments were received by the secretariat. The United States reply to the original note will be circulated shortly.

The Committee might wish to have a discussion on the basis of these documents.

(b) It will be recalled that at the twenty-ninth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES (see document SR.29/1) the representatives of Sweden and Switzerland suggested that the work of the Committee be given a more multilateral character, i.e. that it would be desirable to emphasize in the discussions questions of principle and the trade policy context within which national anti-dumping practices were pursued.

The Committee might wish to give some further consideration to these suggestions.

(c) The secretariat has so far received no requests for the inclusion of other items under this heading.