

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Textiles Surveillance Body

### REPORT ON THE FIFTEENTH MEETING<sup>1</sup> HELD ON 5, 6 AND 7 FEBRUARY 1975

1. The TSB held its fifteenth meeting, the first of 1975, on 5, 6 and 7 February. The report on its thirteenth and fourteenth meetings was approved and subsequently circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/55.
2. The Chairman announced that the members and alternates for the year 1975 would be as follows:

| <u>Members</u>                       | <u>Alternates</u>                 |
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| Mr. Carag (Philippines) <sup>2</sup> | Mr. Dinzl (Austria)               |
| Mr. de Carvalho (Brazil)             | Mr. Moreno (Colombia)             |
| Mr. Chadha (India)                   | Mr. Hamza (Egypt)                 |
| Mr. Clark (Canada)                   | Mr. Blomberg (Finland)            |
| Mr. Dorward (Hong Kong)              | Mr. Choi (Korea)                  |
| Mr. Meynell (EEC)                    | Another representative of the EEC |
| Mr. Mizoguchi (Japan)                | Mr. Wada (Japan)                  |
| Mr. Phelan (United States)           | National from same country        |

Mr. Meynell would be replaced, in the interim, by Mr. Klaric as from the second meeting (1975), and Mr. Clark by Mr. Stone as from 26 February 1975.

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<sup>1</sup>First meeting of 1975.

<sup>2</sup>Mr. Carag will occupy the tripartite seat for the period January to the end of April.

3. The Chairman welcomed new members and alternates and stressed the importance he attached to regular attendance by all members and their alternates at all meetings. He also stressed the continuing importance, in the interests of efficiency, of keeping to a minimum the number of persons present in the room.<sup>1</sup>

4. The TSB was informed that no new notifications had been received under Article 2, paragraph 1, and that letters of reminder had been sent to those participating countries which had not yet submitted notifications. Discussion of certain notifications previously received was continued on the basis of further information and corrections supplied. In each case, however, it was found that further details would be needed before any conclusion could be reached and the secretariat was requested to seek these.

5. As regards the notification in terms of Article 2, paragraph 1, previously received from Switzerland by the TSB for its information, some additional information was sought on the price surveillance system mentioned therein. At the request of the TSB, a Swiss delegation came before it at this meeting to give the necessary clarification. They also replied to questions put by members with respect to the working of this system, as well as its field of application in practice. The TSB agreed to revert to the matter at a later meeting.

6. The TSB also had before it a memorandum submitted by Spain in response to its<sup>2</sup> request for clarification of the Spanish notification under Article 2, paragraph 1, of the quantitative restrictions maintained by Spain in the textiles field. In its preliminary discussion of this notification the TSB had regard to the examination carried out in 1973 by the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions and the decision taken by the GATT Council in October 1973 (C/M/90); and the matter will be reverted to at a later meeting, with the benefit of the presence of a Spanish delegation.

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<sup>1</sup>In this connexion, Mr. Meynell (EEC) stated that members of the Textiles Surveillance Body were appointed by Parties to the Arrangement in accordance with its Article 11(1); that, in the view of the EEC, members had a responsibility not only to the parties they represented but also to the Textiles Surveillance Body itself and to parties not represented on it; and that members had the right to be accompanied by experts as they found necessary. This could involve, in the case of the member appointed by the EEC, the presence of one representative from each member State; but that did not mean that it was the intention that he should be so accompanied except when the subject matter and interests under consideration so warranted.

This declaration by Mr. Meynell was not discussed and should not be taken as having been approved by the TSB.

<sup>2</sup>See document COM.TEX/SB/25/Rev.1.

7. The TSB received for information a notification of unilateral quantitative restrictions imposed under Article 3 and copies were distributed of two further agreements under Article 4. Discussion continued on six further agreements, and it was found that additional information would be needed on all of these before conclusions could be reached. This will be sought from the parties to the agreements.

8. The TSB initiated a discussion on the principles implicit in Article 9 of the Arrangement, with special reference to the application in the textiles field of safeguard measures under the GATT and of any other additional trade measures which might have the effect of nullifying the objectives of the Textiles Arrangement. This was a first exchange of views, and the TSB will revert to the subject at a later meeting.

9. The next meeting of the TSB will take place on 17, 18 and 19 February.