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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING¹

1. The TSB held its first meeting of 1976 on 27, 28, 29 January and 2 February. The Report of the seventeenth meeting of 1975 was approved and has been circulated to the Textiles Committee as COM.TEX/SB/144.

2. The Chairman announced that the members and alternates for the year 1976 would be as follows:

Members

Mr. C.G. Barnett (Jamaica)²
Mr. J. Barona (Mexico)
Mr. G. Blomberg (Finland)
Mr. M. Hamza (Egypt)
Mr. I. Klaric (EEC)
Mr. M. Mizoguchi (Japan)
Mr. H.M. Phelan (United States)
Mr. Jin Chul Soh (Korea)

Alternates

Mr. Tan Keng Jin (Singapore)
Mr. E. Ferreira de Carvalho (Brazil)
Mr. W.F. Stone (Canada)
Mr. Saadat Ahmed (Pakistan)
Mr. A. Sutton (SEC)
Mr. K. Terada (Japan)
Mr. L. Mills (Hong Kong)

3. The Chairman welcomed new members and alternates and stressed the importance he attached to the attendance of all members and alternates at all meetings. He also expressed appreciation and gratitude for the invaluable contribution to the Body's work in 1975 made by those members who had now completed their term of office: Mr. Baser (Turkey), Mr. de Carvalho (Brazil), Mr. Chadha (India), Mr. Dorward (Hong Kong) and Mr. Stone (Canada).

¹Thirty-second meeting

²Mr. Barnett will occupy the tripartite seat for the period from January to the end of April.

4. Pursuant to a complaint received from Pakistan regarding the notification by the EEC of a programme, applicable to Pakistan, for the phasing out of restrictions on certain items not covered by the EEC/Pakistan bilateral agreement under Article 4, the TSB continued its examination¹ of this programme with a view to determining its conformity with the provisions of the Arrangement.

5. On the basis of the evidence made available by the Community and Pakistan it was established that in substantial part the products in question had been restrained under LTA bilateral agreements, the provisions of which had subsequently been maintained in force on a de facto basis by common consent of the Community and Pakistan; and that the restrictions subject to these bilateral agreements had been notified as such by the EEC in accordance with the provisions of Article 2:1.

6. The TSB was of the view that, in substance, the restrictions and/or restraints maintained under previously existing bilateral agreements were of a bilateral nature and therefore concluded that they should have been dealt with under the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 3, rather than Article 2, paragraph 2.

7. Accordingly, the TSB urges both parties to review jointly and forthwith the restrictions in question notified by the EEC in respect of Pakistan, with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable understanding on the treatment of these restrictions, and to report progress to the TSB by 29 February 1976.

8. The TSB noted the stated willingness of the EEC to take steps to ensure the avoidance of damage to Pakistan's textile trade in the interim period.

9. The TSB reviewed an agreement concluded between Canada and the Republic of Korea under Article 3:4 concerning imports into Canada of men's structured suits and jackets from Korea. The agreement was found to be in conformity with the Arrangement and has been circulated to members of the Textiles Committee as document COM.TEX/SB/145. The TSB also reviewed an agreement, notified by Canada under Article 3:8, to extend for the year 1975 an earlier agreement under Article 3:4. This also was found in conformity with the Arrangement and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/146.

¹See paragraph 3 of COM.TEX/SB/144 (report of the TSB of 15-19 December 1975).