

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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REPORT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING (1976)

1. The TSB held its eighth meeting of 1976 on 31 May-1 June. The report of the seventh meeting was approved and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/170.
2. The TSB reviewed an Article 4 agreement between Sweden and Japan and agreed to circulate it to participating countries for information. This has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/172.
3. The TSB also reviewed and agreed to circulate three agreements between the United States and Japan, the United States and Korea and the United States and Mexico. Each of these effected amendments of bilateral agreements previously negotiated between these countries under Article 4. They have been circulated as documents COM.TEX/SB/171, 168 and 175 respectively.
4. A bilateral agreement under Article 3:4 between Norway and Hong Kong was reviewed and found to be in conformity with the Arrangement. It has been circulated for information as document COM.TEX/SB/169.
5. The TSB reviewed a bilateral agreement under Article 4 between the EEC and India and agreed to circulate it to the Textiles Committee. This has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/174. It is the understanding of the TSB that if at any time either party proposes a modification of the agreement, including its annexes, such a proposal would be followed by consultations between the parties. Any modification of the agreement would be notified to the TSB in accordance with the provisions of Article 4:4 of the Arrangement. Should any modification be made, the TSB shall consider whether the modified agreement continues to be consonant with the Arrangement.² Together with this agreement the EEC also notified a unilateral phasing-out programme in respect of certain restrictions on products not covered by the Article 4 agreement. The TSB has not yet addressed itself to the examination of this programme.
6. The TSB continued its work on the preparation of its report to the Textiles Committee in connexion with the major review of the Arrangement.

¹Thirty-ninth meeting

²In accordance with the procedure established by the TSB for the review of Article 4 notifications as contained in COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.