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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING (1978)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its fifth meeting on 22 and 23 May 1978. At the outset the Chairman advised the members that he had been informed by a communication from the Mission of Finland that Mr. Patek would replace Mr. Hagfors as member of the TSB as from 2 May 1978. He further stated that he had also been informed that Mr. Hagfors would be Mr. Patek's alternate. The following members were present: Messrs. Jayarama, Klaric, Kumar, Patek, Phelan, Shin, Suarez and Terada. The report of the fourth meeting was approved and it has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/322.
2. The TSB received a notification from Austria transmitting a Memorandum of Understanding with Hong Kong concerning a bilateral surveillance system with respect to certain textile products exported from Hong Kong to Austria. The TSB noted that this system supersedes the previous bilaterally agreed restriction under Article 3 on exports of shirts, not knitted, which was previously reviewed by the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/223. Since this is a bilateral surveillance system, the TSB decided to transmit the text to the participating countries for their information without reference to any specific Article in the Arrangement (see document COM.TEX/SB/323).
3. The TSB considered two notifications received from the United States with respect to its bilateral agreements previously concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Thailand and the Philippines. The TSB, after having reviewed the amendments to each of these agreements, agreed to circulate the texts of these communications to the Textiles Committee for information (see COM.TEX/SB/324 and 325).
4. Finally, the TSB took cognizance of the notification of an amendment to an interim bilateral agreement concluded between the United States and a non-participating country. This notification was made by the United States in accordance with the decision of the Textiles Committee that actions taken vis-à-vis non-participants in the Arrangement should be notified to the TSB. The text of this amendment has been circulated to the Textiles Committee for its information under Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement (see COM.TEX/SB/326).

¹Sixty-ninth meeting