

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING (1978)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its sixth meeting from 13 to 15 June 1978. At the outset, the Chairman advised the members that he had been informed by a communication from the Mission of Thailand that Mr. Delfino Bondad (Philippines) had been designated as alternate to Mr. Jayanama. He further stated that he had also been informed that Mr. Kujirai (Japan) would be Mr. Terada's replacement. The following members were present: Messrs. Jayanama, Klaric, Kumar, Patek, Phelan, Shin, Suarez and Terada. The report of the fifth meeting was approved and it has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/327.
2. The TSB considered a notification from Austria regarding an amendment which extended the existing bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement between Austria and Korea, for a further twelve-month period ending 31 December 1978. The TSB agreed to circulate the text of the notification to the Textiles Committee for information, see document COM.TEX/SB/328.
3. The TSB also received a notification from the United States concerning a new cotton, wool and man-made fibre agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement between the United States and Korea for the period 1 January 1978 to 31 December 1982. After its review, the TSB agreed to circulate the text of the agreement to the Textiles Committee for the information of the participating countries (COM.TEX/SB/329).
4. The TSB had received a periodic report from Mexico regarding its textile industry and its relationship to the present status of the restrictions on textile imports in effect. The TSB, after its review, agreed to circulate the report to the Textiles Committee for information (COM.TEX/SB/330) and requested Mexico to submit a further report by the end of January 1979 on the evolution of the textiles industry and on its relationship to the restrictions then in effect, together with relevant information and supporting statistical data.

¹Seventieth meeting.

5. The TSB, having due regard to the provisions of Article 11:11, had previously agreed¹ that all participating countries should be invited to inform the TSB of the present status of their restrictions, if any, whether or not they continued to be justified under the provisions of the GATT, including its Annexes and Protocols. Pursuant to this request, the TSB had received notifications from Austria, Bangladesh, Finland, Hong Kong, Korea, Turkey and Yugoslavia. After reviewing these notifications the TSB agreed to circulate them to the Textiles Committee for the information of the participating countries and this has been done in documents COM.TEX/SB/331 to 337.

6. During its recent examination of two agreements which were notified under Article 4 of the MFA by the United States, the TSB noted that the parties thereto, having due regard to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Annex B, agreed, for the first year validity of these agreements, to a growth rate lower than that applicable to the aggregate levels for the second and subsequent years. The TSB also noted that, in overall terms, these new agreements were consistent with the provisions of Article 4 of the Arrangement.

7. The TSB finally took note of the fact that Mr. Shin (Korea) would be leaving the Body owing to his transfer from Geneva.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/319, paragraph 8.