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REPORT OF THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH MEETINGS (1978)

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its tenth meeting from 4 to 6 and on 11 to 12 October; the eleventh meeting was held from 18 to 20 October 1978. The Chairman informed the members that he had been advised by Mr. Kujirai that Mr. Abe had been designated as his alternate. The following members were present: Messrs. Beck, Jayanama, Kujirai, Kumar², Park³, Patek, Phelan and Suarez. The report of the ninth meeting was approved and it has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/364.

2. Pursuant to its request⁴, in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 11, the TSB had received a communication from Singapore. After its review, the TSB agreed to circulate the notification to the Textiles Committee, see COM.TEX/SB/366.

3. The TSB took cognizance of two notifications from Sweden of agreements concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Macao and Malaysia. As these two countries have not signed the Protocol Extending the Arrangement, though they were former participants in the MFA, the TSB agreed that the text of these two agreements should be circulated to the Textiles Committee under Articles 7 and 8, see COM.TEX/SB/367 and 368. The TSB also received an additional notification from Sweden concerning a bilateral agreement concluded with Malta. This notification was made by Sweden bearing in mind the request by the Textiles Committee that actions taken vis-à-vis non-participants should be notified to the TSB. The text of this agreement has accordingly been transmitted under Articles 7 and 8 to the Textiles Committee for the information of the participating countries. See COM.TEX/SB/369.

4. The TSB also received a notification from Finland of an agreement concluded between Finland and Macao. As in the case of former participants of the MFA which have not signed the Protocol Extending the Arrangement, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee under Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement, see COM.TEX/SB/370.

¹Seventy-fourth meeting.

²Attendance in part; replaced by Mr. Hamza (alternate). ³Attendance in part; replaced by Mr. Tsao (alternate). ⁴See COM.TEX/SB/319, paragraph 8.

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5. During its two meetings the TSB discussed the report to be submitted to the Textiles Committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, paragraph 4. The report¹ was finally approved at its eleventh meeting and has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/365.

6. The TSB has also received four notifications from Sweden regarding new bilateral agreements concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with each of India, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. In addition, the TSB has received from the European Communities five official notifications under Article 4, paragraph 4 of the Arrangement of initialled agreements between the EEC and each of Bangladesh, India, Korea, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The EEC also notified an agreement concluded with Argentina. All of these notifications are still under consideration by the TSB.

¹Details of the above agreements, together with the TSB's reviews thereof, have been included in the TSB's report to the Textiles Committee.