

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE FOURTH MEETING (1979)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its fourth meeting in 1979 from 7 to 9 March. The following members or alternates were present during the session: Messrs. de Gouvion St. Cyr, Hamza, Kujirai, Martin/Patek, Phelan, Suarez/Miss Arcienega, Tsac/Park and Valdepeñas.
2. The report of the third meeting was approved, and has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/406.
3. At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman informed the members that Trinidad and Tobago had accepted the Protocol extending the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles on 28 February 1979. As of that date, thirty-six participants had accepted the Protocol.
4. The TSB heard presentations by delegations from India and Canada concerning restrictive measures taken by Canada under Article 3:5 of the MFA with respect to imports from India of cotton terry towels, washcloths, bathmats and sets. The TSB noted that both parties were in the process of resuming consultations with a view to concluding a bilateral agreement which could include these products. In the circumstances, the TSB requested both parties to report on the results achieved by 1 August 1979.
5. A notification, previously received from Sweden, of a new bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Hong Kong, together with an Article 4 notification by the United States of a new agreement concluded with the Philippines, are still under consideration by the TSB.

¹The eighty-second meeting overall of the TSB.