

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING (1979)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its thirteenth meeting in 1979 from 17 to 19 September. At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman informed the Body of the names of the three new members: Mr. R.E. Shepherd (United States), Mr. A. El Gowhari (Egypt) and Mr. T.H. Chau (Hong Kong) replacing respectively, Messrs. Phelan, Hamza and Tsao. The Body was also informed that Mr. Tadashi Imai will be the new alternate to Mr. Kujirai.
2. The following members, or alternates replacing members, were present during the session: Messrs. Beck, Chau, Kujirai, Martin/Patek, Shepherd, Suarez and Valdepeñas. The draft report of the twelfth meeting, which had already been approved, has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/460.
3. The TSB received notice from the Commission of the European Communities of a correction that should be made to its previous notification concerning an amendment to the Article 4 agreement between the EEC and India. The TSB agreed to communicate this corrigendum to the Textiles Committee for information, see COM.TEX/SB/427/Corr.1.
4. The TSB had received from the European Commission a notification of a new initialled bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement between the EEC and Egypt. The TSB noted that its general observations and recommendations, as set out in COM.TEX/SB/380 and 388, will apply to this agreement. After concluding its examination, the TSB agreed to transmit the text of the agreement to the Textiles Committee, see document COM.TEX/SB/461.

¹Ninety-first meeting overall of the TSB.

5. The TSB considered three notifications from the United States concerning amendments to each of its previous agreements concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with India (two amendments), Macao and Singapore. The TSB reviewed the amendments and agreed to transmit the text of the notifications to the Textiles Committee, see COM.TEX/SB/462 to 464. The TSB also received, for information purposes, a communication made by the United States regarding a series of restrictions it had imposed on imports of certain textile goods emanating from the Peoples' Republic of China, a non-participating country. This notification has been made bearing in mind the request made by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with, or actions taken against, non-participants should be notified. The text of this communication has accordingly been transmitted under Articles 7 and 8 to the Textiles Committee for the information of the participating countries (see COM.TEX/SB/465).

6. A notification from Sweden of a new bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Macao, as well as the notification by the European Communities, under Article 4:4 of the Arrangement, of an initialled agreement between the EEC and Hungary, are still under consideration by the TSB.