

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Textiles Surveillance Body

### REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING (1980)<sup>1/</sup>

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its fifth meeting of 1980 from 5 to 7 March.
2. The following members, or alternates replacing members were present: Messrs. Chau, de Gouvion St. Cyr, Kujirai, Pullinen, Safioen, Santos-Neves and Shepherd.
3. The Chairman announced the departure of Mr. Hamid (Pakistan) as member, to be replaced by Mr. M.A. Bajwa as from 17 March.
4. The TSB received a notification from the United States concerning a new cotton, wool and man-made fibre agreement concluded between the United States and Macao under Article 4 of the Arrangement for the period 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1983. After its review the TSB agreed to circulate the text of the agreement to the Textiles Committee (see COM.TEX/SB/558).
5. In reviewing Article 4 agreements notified by the United States, the TSB noted that the United States had continued to provide a rate of growth of 1 per cent with respect to textile and apparel categories of wool. In this respect, the TSB took note of the statement by the United States authorities that this lower growth reflected the continuing chronic state of disruption of the United States wool textiles and apparel market.
6. A notification from the EEC of a bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 with Hong Kong is still under consideration by the TSB.
7. The TSB continued its previous discussion on the requirements of Article 11, and decided to revert to this matter at its next meeting scheduled for 17 March 1980.

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<sup>1/</sup> Hundredth meeting overall of the TSB.