

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Textiles Surveillance Body

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

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its ninth meeting of 1980 from 7 to 9 May.
2. The following members or alternates replacing members were present: Messrs. Beck, Chau<sup>2/</sup>, Kujirai, Pullinen, Safioen, Santos-Neves and Shepherd.
3. The TSB had received four notifications from the United States of amendments to its agreements with each of Colombia, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit these amendments to the Textiles Committee (see COM.TEX/SB/566 to 569).
4. The TSB had received a notification from the United States of an amendment to its bilateral agreement with Haiti. This amendment involved the establishment of a new specific limit for two merged categories in lieu of the specific limit for one of these categories.
5. In reviewing this amendment, the TSB noted that the level of the merged category will remain constant for each of the three agreement years. The TSB further noted, however, that the new limit had been set at a level which incorporated the equivalent of growth for the three years at a rate of at least 7 per cent annually. In this connexion, the notifying country informed the TSB that this front-end loading was agreed to meet the need of the exporting country. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the amendment to the Textiles Committee (see COM.TEX/SB/570).
6. With reference to its consideration of unilateral measures taken by Canada under Article 3:5 with respect to imports from India of certain textile items, and in response to the TSB's earlier request for a progress report, Canada informed the TSB of the conclusion of a new bilateral agreement between the two parties under the provisions of Article 4 of the MFA. This bilateral agreement covers, inter alia, all products which were subject to the unilateral measures. As a result of the conclusion of the bilateral agreement, the unilateral measures would be terminated.

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<sup>1/</sup> Hundred-and-fourth meeting overall of the TSB.

<sup>2/</sup> Part attendance.

7. The TSB continued its work on the catalogue of variations, and decided to revert to this matter at its next meeting scheduled for 20 May 1980.

8. The TSB further discussed the preparation of its report to the Textiles Committee for the Major Review.

9. The Chairman informed members of the departure of Mr. Park, member designated by Korea. His replacement will be announced shortly.