GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE FOURTH MEETING (1983)

- 1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its fourth meeting of 1983 on 28 February-2 March.
- 2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Bajwa/Puri², Beck/Keck, Chau, Delgado, Kittisataporn/Bondad², Sato, Shepherd and Westlund.
- 3. The report of the third meeting was approved and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/835.
- 4. The following subjects were discussed:

Finland/Korea

- 5. The TSB reverted to the new Article 4 bilateral agreement between Finland and Korea, valid from 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1986, containing specific restraints on six clothing categories, with a number of other textile and clothing categories under administrative control.
- 6. The TSB noted that increases over base levels and growth rates contained in the agreement were lower than the rate of not less than 6 per cent set out in Annex B of the MFA. It was observed that while the agreement was concluded having regard to the minimum viable production provisions of the Arrangement, Korea's share of imports of most of the products under restraint was small, and unlikely to cause damage to minimum viable production.
- 7. Bearing these considerations in mind, the TSB recommended that the two parties to the agreement consult on an appropriate occasion, under the provisions of Article 9 of the agreement, with a view to reviewing some of its specific limits or aspects thereof, any modifications resulting from such consultations to be duly notified to the TSB.

Hundred and forty fourth meeting overall

²Part-attendance

8. Following its review of this notification, the TSB agreed to transmit it to the Textiles Committee for its information. (COM.TEX/SB/836).

Sweden/Brazil, India, Philippines, Yugoslavia

- 9. The TSB received a notification by Sweden informing it of the provisional extension, for periods between four and eight months, of each of the bilateral agreements with Brazil, India, Philippines, and Yugoslavia.
- 10. Pending the conclusion of any new bilateral agreements between Sweden and these four countries, or any further extension of the current agreements, the TSB decided not to address itself to these provisional extensions at this juncture and agreed to transmit the notifications to the Textiles Committee for its information. (COM.TEX/SB/837).

Sweden: agreements with Singapore, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

11. The TSB reverted to its discussion of Article 4 agreements with Singapore, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, begun at the second meeting of 1983. It was agreed to continue the discussion of these agreements at the next meeting of the Body.

EEC: agreements with Malaysia, Singapore, Pakistan

12. The TSB began consideration of notifications by the EEC of new Article 4 agreements initialled between the EEC and Malaysia, Singapore and Pakistan. Discussion of these agreements shall be resumed at the next meeting of the Body.