

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE TWELFTH MEETING (1983)<sup>1</sup>

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its twelfth meeting of 1983 on 22-24 June.
2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Chau, Keck/Richardson, Patriota, Puri, Sato<sup>2</sup>, Mrs Sjahruddin, Messrs. Shepherd and Westlund.
3. The draft report of the eleventh meeting was adopted and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/869.
4. The following points were discussed:

United States/Maldives

5. The TSB received notifications from the Republic of Maldives under Article 11.5 of the Arrangement, and the United States under Article 3:5, concerning unilateral restraints introduced by the United States on imports of woollen sweaters from the Maldives in September and December 1982.<sup>4</sup>
6. The TSB, being informed by the two parties that they had agreed to resume negotiations forthwith with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable solution and to report the results to the TSB prior to its meeting scheduled for 18 July 1983, decided to suspend its consideration of these unilateral restraint actions pending the receipt of the report from the two parties.

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<sup>1</sup>Hundred and fifty-second meeting overall

<sup>2</sup>In the unavoidable absence of Mr Sato and of his alternate, Mr Matsui, for the morning session of 22 June, it was agreed that Mr Takao Suzuki (Japan) should attend that part of the meeting as alternate.

<sup>3</sup>In the unavoidable absence of Mr MacNeil, it was agreed that Mr D.E. Hobson (Canada) should attend the afternoon session of 24 June as alternate.

<sup>4</sup>At the time at which the actions were taken, Maldives was not a participant in the MFA. Maldives accepted the Arrangement, as extended by the 1981 Protocol, on 19 April 1983.

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7. The TSB agreed it would give priority review to this report in light of the following interim recommendation:

The parties take full account of all relevant provisions of the Arrangement and the Protocol of Extension, in particular Article 6 of the Arrangement and Paragraph 12 of the Protocol, as well as the stage of development of the Maldives.

8. Mr. Chau, whilst not dissociating himself from the consensus, would have preferred the TSB to have completed its examination at the current meeting.

#### Canada/Indonesia

9. The TSB received a notification from Canada concerning a unilateral action taken under Article 3:5 of the Arrangement, relating to imports of tailored-collar shirts from Indonesia. The TSB heard statements from both parties relating to their respective cases.

10. In the course of its discussions on this measure, the TSB was informed by the two parties concerned that considerable progress had been made in bilateral discussions and that further consultations would be held in Ottawa in early August. The TSB took note of this information and requested the parties to report back to it prior to its meeting scheduled for 15-16 September.

#### EEC/Uruguay

11. The TSB began its consideration of a notification by the EEC of a new Article 4 agreement between the EEC and Uruguay, in de facto application with effect from 1 January 1983 and valid until 31 December 1986. It was agreed to revert to this notification at the next meeting of the TSB.

#### Other business

12. Under "Other business" the TSB was informed by Mr. Keck that discussions were proceeding between the Community and a number of trading partners which Mr. Keck did not specify, relating to past cases of circumvention. The TSB had no comment to make at this juncture.