

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Textiles Surveillance Body

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

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its fourteenth meeting of 1983 on 15-16 September.
2. The following members and/or alternates were present: Messrs. Bajwa, Chau, Delgado/Patriota, Keck/Richardson, Kittisataporn/Bondad, Sato, Shepherd and Westlund/MacNeil.
3. The report of the thirteenth meeting was adopted and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/880.
4. The following points were discussed.

#### Article 3 notifications

##### Canada/Indonesia

5. The TSB received reports from Canada and Indonesia, as requested at its meeting of 22-24 June 1983<sup>2</sup>, concerning the results of further consultations following the Article 3:5 measure taken by Canada on imports of tailored-collar shirts from Indonesia. The TSB took note that an ad referendum agreement had been reached between the parties for the year 1983. This agreement will be reviewed by the Body when notified to it.

##### United States/Maldives

6. Reference is made to the unilateral actions taken by the United States to restrain imports of wool sweaters from the Maldives (see COM.TEX/SB/870 and COM.TEX/SB/880). The TSB received notifications from both parties reporting that the United States had proposed, pursuant to Article 3:8, that this restraint be extended for an additional year (i.e. until 28 September 1984) but the Maldives did not accept this proposal. The United States reported that, consequently, it will not extend the current restraint.

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<sup>1</sup>Hundred and fifty-fourth meeting overall.

<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/870, paragraphs 9 and 10.

Article 4 notifications

Canada/Hong Kong

7. The TSB began its review of a notification by Canada of an Article 4 agreement with Hong Kong, valid from 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1986. It was agreed to continue the review of this agreement at the next meeting of the Body.

EEC/Guatemala

8. The TSB reverted to its review of an Article 4 consultation agreement initialled between the EEC and Guatemala. It was agreed to continue the discussion of this item at a future meeting.

Article 7 and 8 notification

Canada/China

9. The TSB received a notification from Canada, under Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement, concerning a bilateral agreement with the People's Republic of China, valid from 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1986. It was agreed to transmit this notification to the Textiles Committee for the information of participants. (COM.TEX/SB/881)

Article 11 notifications

10. The TSB took note of a notification received from Singapore, pursuant to Article 11, paragraphs 11, 12 and 2, in reply to the Chairman's request for information from participants on the status of restrictions on trade in textiles and clothing. (see COM.TEX/SB/859, paragraph 17)

11. It was agreed that, as in previous years, Article 11 notifications would be grouped together as one document with addenda and circulated to the Textiles Committee at the time of submission of the TSB's annual report.