

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Committee  
Sub-Committee on Adjustment

Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on Adjustment  
held on 6 July 1982

Chairman: Mr. M.G. Mathur

1. The Sub-Committee on Adjustment established under paragraph 15 of the 1981 Protocol extending the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, held its first meeting on 6 July 1982.

2. Mr. M.G. Mathur, Deputy Director-General was elected Chairman.

3. The Sub-Committee took note of its mandate set out in Paragraph 15 of the Protocol of Extension which reads as follows:

"In pursuance of the objective of trade liberalization embodied in the Arrangement, the Committee reaffirmed the need to monitor adjustment policies and measures and the process of autonomous adjustment in terms of the provisions of Article 1, paragraph 4. To this end, the Committee decided that a Sub-Committee should be established to carry out activities previously performed by the Working Group on Adjustment Measures and to make a periodic review of developments in autonomous adjustment processes and in policies and measures to facilitate adjustment, as well as in production and trade in textiles, on the basis of material and information to be provided by participating countries. The Sub-Committee would report periodically to the Textiles Committee to enable that Committee to fulfil its obligations under Article 10, paragraph 2."

4. Membership of the Sub-Committee would be open to all participating countries of the MFA as extended by the 1981 Protocol.

5. The Sub-Committee noted that the work of collection of factual information and analysis would be a continuing process leading in particular to as complete and comprehensive a report as possible to the Textiles Committee for the major review required by Article 10.4 of the MFA.

6. The Sub-Committee took note of the report of the Working Group on Adjustment Measures (COM.TEX/22) and noted that the work to be done in the context of its mandate required it to carry out a detailed examination of adjustment measures with reference to the objectives of Article 1:4.

7. The Sub-Committee decided to set up a Technical Sub-Group entrusted with the task of securing information relevant to the work, and the analysis of such information in the light of the above mandate.

8. The Technical Sub-Group would report to the Sub-Committee as necessary, in order in the first instance to enable it to examine a report which would in the autumn of 1983 be forwarded for consideration by the Textiles Committee.

9. The Technical Sub-Group would be open to all participating countries interested in the work. Those countries wishing to participate should inform the secretariat of their desire to do so by 30 September 1982.