

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Committee

MEETING HELD ON 4-5 SEPTEMBER 1984

Chairman: Mr. M.G. Mathur

Revision

The Chairman concluded as follows:

1. The Textiles Committee considered the revised Customs Regulations announced by the United States to be implemented with effect from 7 September, and the countervailing investigations against thirteen countries on the entire range of their textile products, including the products already subject to quota restrictions.
2. The Textiles Committee noted the deep concerns that these developments would disrupt the international trade in textiles and clothing.
3. The Textiles Committee noted a common view that:
 - (a) the stated objectives of the interim regulations envisaged by the United States could or should be met through the existing provisions of the GATT, the MFA or the bilateral agreements;
 - (b) the United States should withdraw or at least postpone implementation of new rules of origin to enable holding of urgent bilateral or plurilateral consultations between the United States and concerned countries, with a view to finding appropriate solutions, consistent with the provisions of the GATT and the MFA, to any problems that may have given rise to the new US regulations;
 - (c) the matter of CVD actions should, as requested by exporting developing countries, be examined by the TSB in the light of Article 9 of the MFA and paragraph 23 of the 1981 Protocol, and the result of this examination should be considered by the Textiles Committee on 17 October.
4. The Textiles Committee agreed to keep these and related matters under consideration and to review the situation in the light of developments at its meeting on 17 October.