

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1299

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### Textiles Surveillance Body

#### REPORT OF THE NINTH MEETING (1987)<sup>1</sup>

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its ninth meeting of 1987 on 8-10 July.
2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Boisson, Koda, Lau, Randhawa, Rosselli/Portugal, Säilä/Wright, Salim and Shepherd.
3. The report of the eighth meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1294.

#### Notification under Article 3:5

##### United States/Bangladesh

4. In response to its invitation to Bangladesh and the United States to present their respective cases relating to unilateral measures taken by the United States on imports from Bangladesh,<sup>2</sup> the TSB received a communication from Bangladesh requesting the postponement of the review of these measures as consultations with the United States had been scheduled for 29-31 July, and stating that if these consultations did not result in agreed solutions, Bangladesh might request that the restrictions be reviewed in August.
5. Having been informed that the United States was in agreement with the request from Bangladesh to postpone its review, the TSB decided to defer its examination of the restraints. It requested the parties to report on the results of the bilateral consultations, and agreed that, if necessary, it would review the case as soon as possible.

#### Notifications under Article 4

##### United States/Jamaica

6. The TSB began its review of a notification received from the United States of an amendment of its agreement with Jamaica.

##### United States/China

7. The TSB received a notification by the United States of a further amendment of its bilateral agreement with China, according to which:

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<sup>1</sup> Two hundred and fourteenth meeting overall

<sup>2</sup> COM.TEX/SB/1294

- (a) specific limits were agreed for three Categories (319, 637 and 650) and one part-Category (659-S), with effect from the agreement year 1987, at levels much higher than the applicable formula levels;
- (b) swing of 5 per cent was made available for the new specific limits, as well as special swing of 10 per cent from any other specific limit into Category 637;
- (c) overshipments of 5,000 dozen would be charged to the 1987 limit on Category 637 and, under the agreement that would replace the current one on 1 January 1988, in each of the following four years;
- (d) specific limits and annual growth rates for the Categories and part-Category in (a) above were agreed for the future agreement between the parties.

8. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1295)

United States/Indonesia

9. The TSB received a notification from the United States of two amendments of its agreement with Indonesia valid until 30 June 1988.

10. Under the first amendment:

- (a) specific limits were agreed on five categories, one sub-category and one merged category, at levels higher and in some cases much higher than the reference levels;
- (b) growth rates for these new limits were set at 6 per cent;
- (c) solutions were found regarding overshipments in part-category 369-S (shop towels) during the 1985/86 agreement year.

11. Under the second amendment the parties agreed to redefine shipments which would not be charged to specific limits.

12. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1296)

Notification under Articles 7 and 8

United States/Dominican Republic

13. The TSB received a notification from the United States of an agreement granting special access to two categories concluded with the Dominican Republic for the period 1 December 1986 to 31 May 1988, as well as of an amendment of the restraint agreement between the parties, valid for the period 1 June 1983 to 31 May 1988, removing restraints on the same two categories. The notification was made under Articles 7 and 8 in accordance with the request made by the Textiles Committee that agreements concluded with non-participants be notified. The TSB is forwarding the texts of the new agreement and of the amendment to the other agreement to participating countries for information. (COM.TEX/SB/1297 and 1298)

Report to the Textiles Committee under Article 10:4

14. The TSB agreed on the outline for its Annual Report to the Textiles Committee.

Notifications under Article 11Hong Kong, Turkey

15. The TSB took note of the notifications received from Hong Kong and Turkey in reply to the Chairman's letter requesting information, pursuant to Article 11 of the Arrangement, on restrictions maintained by participating countries on imports of textile products.<sup>1</sup> These notifications will be submitted to the Textiles Committee at the time of the submission of the TSB's annual report.

Czechoslovakia, Japan

16. The TSB sought additional information from Czechoslovakia and Japan relating to their notifications made under Article 11.

Notification of restraints introduced by the United StatesUnited States/China

17. The TSB received a notification from the United States of unilateral measures taken with respect to imports of Categories 833 and 847 from China. The TSB decided to review these measures under Article 3:5 and invited both parties to its meeting scheduled for 22-24 July.

General presentation on agreements concluded by Canada

18. On the initiative of the Canadian Government, the TSB heard a presentation on the bilateral agreements concluded by Canada under the MFA as extended by the 1986 Protocol.

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<sup>1</sup> See COM.TEX/SB/1265