

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1487

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TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING (1989)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its sixth meeting of 1989 on 6 to 8 June.
2. Present at the meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Abdel-Fattah/Munir, Castro, Choi, Gero/Wentzel, Koda/Mrs. Saiki, Messrs. Mazzocchi/Boisson, Salim and Shepherd.
3. The report of the fifth meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1485.

Notifications under Article 4

Sweden/Singapore

4. The TSB received a notification from Sweden of a bilateral agreement concluded with Singapore for the period 1 December 1988 to 31 December 1993.
5. In this agreement:
 - (a) the product coverage was reduced from twenty to eight product categories, all under restraint;
 - (b) the Rest group and some restrained products were liberalized;
 - (c) increases in base levels were at 1.5 or 2 per cent;
 - (d) growth rates for the second year at 1.75, 2.25 or 2.5 per cent were in all cases higher than previous rates; for subsequent years the growth rates would increase annually by 0.5 per cent (one category) or 0.25 per cent (all other categories), but would in no case be higher than 4 per cent;
 - (e) swing, carryover and carry forward, available at 3 per cent each, were unchanged from the previous agreement, except for one category where they were all set at 5 per cent; a cumulative use of flexibility at 10 per cent for one Category and 6 per cent for the others, was more favourable to Singapore.

¹Two hundred and forty-first meeting overall

6. With respect to the growth rates and flexibility provisions, Sweden made reference to paragraph 2 of Annex B and to paragraph 12 of the 1986 Protocol.

7. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1486)

United States/Turkey

8. The TSB continued its review of the bilateral agreement concluded between the United States and Turkey.

Finland/China

9. The TSB began its review of a notification received from Finland of a further modification of its agreement with China.

Notifications under Article 11

10. The TSB took note of the notifications received from Canada, Finland, India, Norway and Singapore 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.¹ These notifications will be submitted to the Textiles Committee at the time of submission of the TSB's report for the Major Review of the Arrangement.

Report for the Major Review

11. The TSB continued the preparation of its annual report to the Textiles Committee.

Other business

United States/Costa Rica

12. The TSB received a notification from the United States of a unilateral measure taken under Article 3:5(i) with respect to imports of cotton gloves and mittens (Category 331) from Costa Rica.

13. The TSB decided to invite both parties to present their respective cases at its meeting scheduled for 5-7 July.

¹COM.TEX/SB/1467