

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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26 July 1989

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Committee

Report of the Committee Meeting

Held on 20 July 1989

Chairman: Mr. A. Dunkel

1. The Textiles Committee held a special meeting on 20 July 1989, the sixth meeting under the 1986 Protocol of Extension. The agenda for the meeting, set out in GATT/AIR/2814, dated 18 July 1989, was adopted as follows: to discuss the implementation of the Textiles Committee's decision of 26 April 1989 relating to the TSB.
2. The Chairman recalled that paragraph IV of the Committee's decision of 26 April 1989, set out in Annex 1 of COM.TEX/60, provided for the entry into force of the increase in the number of TSB members to ten "... with effect from 1 August 1989 through an additional Protocol to the 1986 Protocol, unless a Party to the Arrangement communicates to the Director-General of the GATT as the depositary of the Arrangement, not later than 15 July 1989, its objection to this amendment". He informed the Committee that by 15 July 1989 he had received no objection to the substantive portion of the Committee's decision. However, a number of delegations had informed him that they had not been in a position, for technical reasons, to comply with the deadline provided for in paragraph IV of the Committee's decision.
3. He stated, therefore, that the conditions for the entry into force of the amendment to the 1986 Protocol, provided for in the Committee's decision, had not been met.
4. In these circumstances, the Chairman proposed that the Committee should decide that in its decision of 26 April 1989 the date of 1 August 1989 in paragraph III be changed to 1 January 1990, and the dates of 15 July 1989 and 1 August 1989 mentioned in paragraph IV be changed to 1 December 1989 and 1 January 1990 respectively. He further proposed that the Committee should decide to extend the present membership of the TSB until 31 December 1989, instead of 31 July 1989 as indicated in paragraph VI of its decision of 26 April 1989.
5. In this regard, the Chairman referred the Committee to two modified texts, which were circulated during the meeting, of the Committee's decision of 26 April and of the Protocol Amending the 1986 Protocol Extending the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, reflecting the proposed changes in the dates.
6. The Committee adopted the proposals put forward by the Chairman. The modified texts are reproduced in Annexes 1 and 2 to this report.

ANNEX 1

20 July 1989

TEXTILES COMMITTEE

Textiles Committee's Decision of 26 April 1989 as Modified
by its Decision on 20 July 1989

- I. The Textiles Committee considered the proposal by China concerning the membership of the Textiles Surveillance Body.

- II. The Committee noted that paragraph 23 of the 1986 Protocol Extending the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles provides for an examination of the possibility of an increase in the number of the members of the Textiles Surveillance Body.

- III. The Committee, having carried out this examination, and subject to the procedures set out in paragraph 4 below, decides that paragraph 23 of the 1986 Protocol should be replaced by the following text:

"with effect from 1 January 1990 and for the remaining period of the 1986 Protocol, the Textiles Surveillance Body shall consist of a Chairman and ten members."

- IV. This amendment shall enter into force with effect from 1 January 1990 through an additional Protocol to the 1986 Protocol, unless a party to the Arrangement communicates to the Director-General of the GATT as the depository of the Arrangement, not later than 1 December 1989, its objection to this amendment.

- V. If any such objection is communicated to the Director-General of GATT, the Textiles Committee will meet immediately to consider the matter.

- VI. The Committee decides to extend the present membership of the Textiles Surveillance Body until 31 December 1989.

ANNEX 2

20 July 1989

PROTOCOL AMENDING THE 1986 PROTOCOL
EXTENDING THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

The Parties to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles,

Recalling the Decision of the Textiles Committee adopted on 26 April 1989, as modified by its decision adopted on 20 July 1989,

Hereby Agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 23 of the 1986 Protocol shall be replaced by the following text:

"With effect from 1 January 1990 and for the remaining period of the 1986 Protocol, the Textiles Surveillance Body shall consist of a Chairman and ten members."

2. This Protocol shall enter into force with effect from 1 January 1990, unless a party to the Arrangement communicates to the Director-General of the GATT as the depository of the Arrangement, not later than 1 December 1989, its objection to this Protocol.