

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1492

10 October 1989

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING (1989)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its eighth meeting of 1989 on 20 July.
2. Present at the meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Abdel Fattah, Castro, Choi, Gero/Wentzel, Koda, Mazzocchi, Salim and Shepherd.
3. The report of the seventh meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1488.

Report to the Textiles Committee for the Major Review

4. The TSB completed and adopted its report to the Textiles Committee for the Major Review of the Arrangement. (COM.TEX/SB/1490 and Add.1)

Notification under Article 2:4

China

5. The TSB began its review of the notification received from China under Article 2:4 on the status of restrictions maintained by it on imports of textile products.

Notifications under Article 4

Finland/China

6. The TSB received a notification from Finland of a further modification of its agreement with China. Two categories for which restraints had been agreed for the 1988 agreement year have been merged and placed under restraint for the last two years of the agreement, with reduction in their coverage via the elimination of products made of wool.
7. The 1989 limit for the merged category with its coverage reduced was 8 per cent more than the sum of the the 1988 limits, and the growth rate

¹Two hundred and forty-third meeting overall

for 1990 was set at 4 per cent, resulting in a compound growth rate of more than 6 per cent. Swing and carryover/carry forward were available at 5 and 10/5 per cent, respectively.

8. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1491)

United States/Turkey

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

Notification under Article 11

Macao

10. The TSB took note of the notification received from Macao 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 This notification will be submitted to the Textiles Committee at the time of submission of the TSB's report for the Major Review of the Arrangement.

Other business

United States/Guatemala

11. The TSB received a notification from the United States of a unilateral measure taken under Article 3:5(i) on imports of cotton trousers (Category 347/348) from Guatemala.

12. The TSB decided to invite the parties to present their respective cases at its meeting scheduled for 18-20 September.

¹COM.TEX/SB/1467