

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1804

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### Textiles Surveillance Body

#### REPORT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING (1992)<sup>1</sup>

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its eighth meeting of 1992 on 15 to 17 September.
2. Present at this meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Buencamino, Donaghy/Potocnik, Ishimaru, Kumar, Prates/Ms. Deustua, Mr. Shepherd, Ms. Smadja, Messrs. Wang, Wentzel and Wong/Kang.
3. The report of the seventh meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1797.

#### Notification under Article 2:4

##### China

4. The TSB received a notification made under Article 2:4 from China on the status of restrictions maintained by it and on the evolution of its textile industry; this report was made by China as a non-contracting party.
5. To help it in its review of the notification, the TSB heard technical experts from China, who answered questions and gave additional information.
6. The TSB agreed to continue its review of the notification at its next meeting.

#### Notifications under Article 4

##### United States/Panama

7. The TSB received notification from the United States of two agreements concluded with Panama. The first agreement, concluded in November 1991, was superseded by an agreement concluded in April 1992, valid for the period 1 April 1991 to 31 March 1994.
8. In the superseding agreement:
  - (a) product coverage was limited to one merged category (cotton trousers) which was placed under restraint;

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<sup>1</sup>Two hundred and seventieth meeting overall.

- (b) the base level was higher than the designated consultation level previously applicable to the category;
- (c) the growth rate for the second agreement year was substantially higher than 6 per cent and for the third agreement year it was set at 6 per cent;
- (d) carryover/carry forward was possible at 11/6 per cent;
- (e) additional access was possible under a separate guaranteed access level.

9. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1800)

United States/Thailand

10. The TSB received a notification from the United States of an amendment of its agreement with Thailand.

11. A restraint was agreed on woven man-made fibre bags for the period 25 March 1992 to 31 December 1993. The base level was substantially higher than the reference level with growth set at 6 per cent. Swing and carryover/carry forward were available at 7 and 11/6 per cent, respectively.

12. The agreement was also modified by raising the specific limit on headwear (Category 359-H/659-H) for the 1991, 1992 and 1993 agreement years.

13. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1801)

Austria/India

14. The TSB received a notification from Austria of an amendment of its agreement with India. A restraint level on woven shirts of man-made fibres was agreed for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992 at a level substantially higher than the previous imports. The restraint became effective on 1 September 1992 at a pro rated level for the remainder of the year.

15. In the event the agreement was extended, growth was set at 6 per cent. The flexibility provisions of the agreement applied.

16. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1802)

Norway/Macau

17. The TSB received a notification from Norway of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Macau. With effect from 1 July 1992, one product

(woven shirts for men and boys) was removed from the agreement's coverage and consequently liberalized.

18. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1803)

Matter referred under Articles 11:4 and 11:5

Brazil/United States

19. In accordance with its request made at the previous meeting, the TSB heard reports from Brazil and the United States on the consultations recommended by it with respect to the restraint introduced by the United States on men's and boys' suits (Category 443).<sup>2</sup>

20. The TSB was informed that the consultations held on 10 September 1992 had not resulted in any agreed solution. The TSB might revert to the matter at the request of either party or on its own initiative.

Report of the TSB to the Textiles Committee

21. The TSB discussed the text of its report to be presented to the Textiles Committee.

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<sup>2</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/1797.