

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

COM.TEX/SB/1808

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### Textiles Surveillance Body

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

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its tenth meeting of 1992 on 16 October.
2. Mr. Boisson (EEC) who succeeded Ms. Smadja as member, appointed Mr. David Daly (EEC) as his alternate.
3. Present at the meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Abdel-Fattah, Boisson, Buencamino/Pangaribuan, Donaghy, Ishimaru, Prates/Ms. Deustua, Messrs. Shepherd, Wentzel and Wong.
4. The report of the ninth meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1807.

#### Notification under Article 11:5

##### Brazil/United States

5. Further to the reports<sup>2</sup> received from Brazil and the United States on the results of the consultations recommended by the TSB on the restraint introduced on Category 443 (men's and boys' wool suits) under the provisions of their agreement, the TSB reverted to the matter at the request of Brazil.
6. The TSB heard presentations from delegations of both governments.
7. The TSB recalled its previous review of the matter and decided not to address again the question of real risk of market disruption; it expressed concern, however, that its recommendation, which was limited to Category 443, had been given divergent interpretations by the parties.
8. In view of its concern regarding the different interpretations given to its recommendation, and of the fact that a restraint on the Brazilian product was already in application, the TSB reiterated that the parties should review the situation urgently, so as to find a mutually agreed solution for this category. Should such a solution involve a restraint level, such level should be agreed taking into account, inter alia:
  - (a) that the Body had not reached a conclusion on the existence of real risk of market disruption;

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<sup>1</sup>Two hundred and seventy-second meeting overall.

<sup>2</sup>COM.TEX/SB/1797 and 1804.

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- (b) the evolution of the market situation in the United States, including the evolution of imports from both restrained and unrestrained suppliers; and
- (c) the TSB's opinion that the restraint level currently in effect should be revised to reflect the equity considerations cited in its previous recommendation.

9. The TSB requested the parties to report back to it no later than 16 November 1992.

Notifications under Article 11

Czech and Slovak Federal Republic; Mexico; Romania

10. In response to its request for information on the status of restrictions maintained by participating countries on imports of textile products,<sup>3</sup> the TSB received the following information.

- (a) the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic notified that it maintained no restrictions on textile imports, or any other quantitative measures having a restrictive effect;
- (b) Mexico notified that except for imports of used clothing being subject to prior import licensing, it maintained no quantitative restrictions on imports of textile products;
- (c) Romania notified it maintained no restrictions on imports of textile products covered by the Arrangement.

11. The TSB agreed to forward these notifications to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1798/Addenda 25, 26 and 27)

Notification under Article 3:5

United States/Guatemala

12. The TSB received a notification from the United States of a restraint introduced under Article 3:5 on imports from Guatemala of cotton and man-made fibre shirts (Category 340/640) for the period 22 June 1992 to 21 June 1993.

13. The TSB agreed to invite both parties to send delegations to its next meeting when it shall review the measure.

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<sup>3</sup>COM.TEX/SB/1680.