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COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Report (1994) to the CONTRACTING PARTIES

1. This report is submitted under Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft. It sets out the activities of the Committee since November 1993.
2. As at 10 November 1994 there were twenty-two signatories to the Agreement: Austria, Canada, the EEC, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece (subject to ratification), Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Japan, Norway, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States. The following contracting parties have observer status in the Committee: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, the Czech Republic, Finland, Gabon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malta, Mauritius, Nigeria, Poland, Singapore, the Slovak Republic, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Turkey. In addition, China, the Russian Federation and Chinese Taipei have observer status in the Committee. The IMF and UNCTAD are also observers.
3. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held six meetings in the period under review: on 13 December 1993, on 24 February 1994, on 19 May 1994, on 8 July 1994, on 21 October 1994 and on 10 November 1994.
4. On 13 December 1993, the Committee discussed matters relating to the finalization of the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations, and also considered the Chairman's report on the work of the Sub-Committee established to conduct negotiations under Article 8.3 of the Agreement. At the 24 February 1994 meeting, the Committee discussed proposed technical revisions to the Agreement in the context of placing it in Annex 4 of the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, and also discussed the decision required by Appendix 1 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes Annexed to the WTO Agreement. The Committee also granted observer status to China, and discussed the possible future accession to the Agreement of an observer government in the Committee. On 19 May 1994, the Committee discussed the proposal referred to in document MTN.TNC/40, footnote 2, as stated in document AIR/80 of 7 April 1994, with respect to issues related to the continuance of the negotiations under Article 8.3. The Committee also heard a statement from the Chairman regarding the status of Signatories. On 8 July 1994 the Chairman agreed to a request that he undertake informal consultations on the procedure for including an additional product in the Annex on Product Coverage, and an observer contracting party advised the Committee of its decision to seek accession to the Agreement.
5. At its meeting on 21 October 1994 the Committee discussed the proposed technical revisions to the Agreement and agreed that they should be incorporated in a revised text of the draft Protocol for review in capitals. The Committee also discussed a draft decision in connexion with the conclusion of the latter Protocol, and the decision required by Appendix 1 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes Annexed to the WTO Agreement. At its meeting

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on 10 November 1994, the Committee considered a revised draft text of the Protocol (1994) Amending the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft and a draft Decision in connexion with the conclusion of the Protocol.

6. As at 10 November 1994 there were 32 members of the Sub-Committee: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, EEC, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, United Kingdom, United States. The Sub-Committee reports regularly to the members of the Committee. In the period under review, it held six meetings. At the meetings in November and December 1993, it discussed proposals for a revised Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft. At the meetings in July and October 1994, it discussed the continuance of the negotiations, the re-issuance of the Questionnaire on government involvement in the civil aircraft sector, and items for possible inclusion in the draft Protocol Amending the Agreement. The Notes on the Sub-Committee's meetings are contained in AIR/76, 77, 78, 79, 81 and 82.

7. The Minutes of the Committee's meetings are contained in documents AIR/M/1 to 40 and are available to contracting parties to the GATT.