

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft

TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Note by the Chairman

(Mr. R. Wright - Canada)

The Technical Sub-Committee met on 30 September and 1 October 1980. It addressed the two points under its terms of reference (AIR/3).

Point 1

1.1 Statistical reporting of trade data

Pursuant to the decision of the Committee (AIR/M/2, paragraph 38) it was agreed that delegations would make written submissions to the Technical Sub-Committee at its next meeting describing the form and content of the statistical information available in their respective countries for the products covered by the Agreement. The description could include other than trade sources of statistical information; e.g. production or sales figures if available.

Early circulation of submissions, prior to the meeting, would be helpful.

1.2 Harmonized System Code

The Technical Sub-Committee examined a proposal on modification of Chapter 88 of the Harmonized System Code (AIR/W/7). The Technical Sub-Committee felt it could not come to any agreement until the related problem of the definition of "military" or "civil" aircraft was solved.

The Sub-Committee agreed to revert to the matter at its next meeting.

1.3 Tariff classification matters

The representative of the United States supplied a written response to questions put previously concerning TSUS classification for specific products. It was noted that the responses would be filed with the secretariat's informal record (AIR/W/6).

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Point 2

2.1 Proposals for modification of product coverage

The Technical Sub-Committee reviewed the Draft List of Selected Products (AIR/W/9); a number of alterations were made to the list. A revision of the Draft List will be issued by the secretariat.

Other

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee was tentatively set for 9-10 December 1980. It was understood that the meeting could be prolonged if necessary.

Chairmanship

Mr. R. Wright stated that he would not be available as Chairman after the next meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee, and invited delegations to consult on the question of his successor.