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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft

TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Note by the Chairman

(Mr. R. Wright - Canada)

The Technical Sub-Committee met on 9 and 10 December 1980. It addressed the two points under its terms of reference (AIR/3).

Point 1

1.1 Statistical reporting of trade data

Only two submissions were made on the form and content of the statistical information available in Signatories' respective countries for the products covered by the Agreement. The representative of the United States, having submitted very detailed data, expressed disappointment at the lack of response to the Chairman's request for submissions (see AIR/W/12, paragraph 1).

The Chairman urged delegations to make their respective submissions before the end of 1980.

1.2 Harmonized Systems Code

Further examination of the United States proposal (AIR/W/7) was deferred to a future meeting.

1.3 Tariff classification matters

The representative of the EEC requested clarification of the tariff classification under TSUS of aircraft windows (complete). As parts of aircraft they qualified for TSUS No. 694.62. However, since 1 January 1981 the same windows were classified under four different TSUS numbers, and were not duty-free. The representative of the United States stated that he would examine the matter and would reply later.

1.4 End-use systems

The Sub-Committee agreed that it would consider initiating in 1981 a comparative study of Signatories' end-use systems and their implementation.

Point 2

2.1 Proposals for modification of product coverage

The Sub-Committee reviewed the Draft List of Selected Products (AIR/W/13) for broadening the coverage of the Annex to the Agreement. One member indicated that additional information was needed on the trade significance of items listed.

The Technical Sub-Committee decided to submit the List of Selected Products to the Aircraft Committee, for its consideration and guidance.

The Chairman was requested to make a second progress report to the Committee.

Other

Date of next meeting

3. It was thought desirable to meet during the same week as the Aircraft Committee (i.e. week of 23 March 1981).