

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING<sup>1</sup>

1. The TSB held its fifth meeting of 1976 on 29-30 March. The report of the fourth meeting was approved and has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/160.
2. The TSB had received from Switzerland a notification concerning the recent changes in the surveillance system applied by it to textile imports. This information was supplied in the framework of Switzerland's notifications under Articles 2:1 and 2:4 of the Arrangement (see COM.TEX/SB/62 and 85). At the request of the TSE a Swiss delegation came before it at this meeting to explain the purpose and the nature of the changes made in the system. They also replied to questions put by members with respect to certain aspects of the modified system. Following the review the TSB agreed to circulate this notification to participating countries in the Arrangement for their information. This has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/85/Add.1.
3. The TSB addressed itself to the report it had received from the Textiles Committee concerning the detailed analysis of the operation of the Arrangement since its coming into force. The TSB had a preliminary exchange of views on how such an analysis could best be made to show, *inter alia*, the various elements agreed by the Committee. In the course of the discussion, the TSB's attention was drawn to the lack of data available, particularly for such quantitative assessments as might be relevant to its work. In this respect, it was felt that the participating countries would have to co-operate fully in furnishing all the required data promptly.
4. The TSB would revert to this matter at its next meeting to consider, within its remit from the Textiles Committee and in the light of its further discussion, a detailed outline for its analysis.

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<sup>1</sup>Thirty-sixth meeting