

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING¹ (1977)

1. The TSB held its eighth meeting from 23 to 25 May 1977. The combined report of its sixth and seventh meetings was approved and has been circulated in document COM.TEX/SB/245.
2. The TSB had received from the EEC a notification of an agreement with the Philippines under Article 3:4. In reviewing this agreement the TSB was unable, on the basis of the evidence presented to it, to determine the conformity of this agreement with the provisions of Article 3. The TSB agreed to circulate this agreement for the information of participating countries. This has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/246.
3. The TSB had received a notification from Spain regarding a quota system adopted by France, in respect of imports from Spain of textile products falling within the tariff heading No. ex 60:04 (slips, drawers and knickers for men and boys, women, girls and infants). In its notification Spain expressed dissatisfaction over that measure, and asked that this matter be examined by the TSB.
4. In the light of this, Spain and the EEC were invited to appear before the TSB in terms of Article 11:6. Only Spain accepted this invitation.
5. The TSB heard a statement from the Spanish delegation and on the basis of the evidence available came to the conclusion that the measure in question was not justified under the provisions of the MFA. The TSB therefore recommended that:
 - (a) the Community should promptly take the necessary steps to eliminate this measure;
 - (b) Spain and the EEC should report on the implementation of the TSB's recommendation by 30 June 1977;
 - (c) should any problems be found to exist after the elimination of the measure, the Community and Spain should enter into consultations within the framework of the MFA with a view to finding a mutually acceptable solution.
6. The TSB reviewed an agreement concluded under Article 4 between Norway and India and agreed to circulate it to the Textiles Committee for information (see COM.TEX/SB/247).

¹Fifty-sixth meeting