

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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EXAMINATION OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES AFFECTING
IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Decision of 28 November 1979

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Recalling that at the Fifth UNCTAD unanimous agreement was reached to examine any case of future protective action by developed countries against imports from developing countries,

Decide that the Committee on Trade and Development establish a Sub-Committee to examine any case of future protective action by developed countries against imports from developing countries in the light of relevant provisions of the GATT, particularly Part IV thereof.

This examination shall be without prejudice to the rights of contracting parties under the GATT or the competence of other GATT bodies.

The membership of the Sub-Committee shall be open to all contracting parties. Developing countries not contracting parties to GATT may, upon notification to the Director-General of GATT, participate in the proceedings of the Sub-Committee in an observer capacity.

The Sub-Committee will report on such examination to the Committee on Trade and Development and through it to the Council.

These arrangements will be reviewed and revised as appropriate.