

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Meeting of 20 February 1980

Note by the Chairman<sup>1</sup>

The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held its first meeting on 20 February 1980. It elected Mr. R. Maynard (United Kingdom) as Chairman, and Mr. S. Piper (United States) as Vice-Chairman.

The Committee adopted a text, based on the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision of 28 November 1979 (L/4905) providing for the participation of observers (see Annex). The Committee decided to apply the GATT Procedures for Modification and Rectification of Schedules (BISD, 16th Supplement, page 16) in respect of the Annex to the Agreement. The Committee heard status reports under different articles of the Agreement. It also established the Technical Sub-Committee under Article 8.4. The Chairman stated that the Committee's conduct of business would be guided by existing GATT rules and practice.

The date and agenda for the next meeting were left open, with the aim of meeting before the second half of July 1980.

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<sup>1</sup>This note is issued under the Chairman's responsibility for the information of contracting parties.

ANNEX

Participation of Observers

Taking into account the decision arrived at by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-fifth session on 28 November 1979, (document L/4905) the Committee agreed on the following procedures for the participation of observers:

1. Representatives of contracting parties which are not signatories may follow the proceedings of the Committee in an observer capacity.
2. Representatives of non-signatory countries not contracting parties, which participated in the multilateral trade negotiations and which are interested in following the proceedings of the Committee in an observer capacity, should communicate a request to the Director-General of the GATT indicating their desire to do so. The Committee shall decide on each request.
3. Observers may participate in the discussions but decisions shall be taken only by Signatories.
4. The Committee may deliberate on confidential matters in special restricted sessions.
5. The Committee may invite, as appropriate, international organizations to follow particular issues of the Committee in an observer capacity. In addition, requests from international organizations to follow particular issues within the Committee in an observer capacity shall be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Committee.