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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

COMMITTEE ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES

Meeting of 23 January 1980

Note by the Chairman¹

1. The Committee met on 23 January 1980. It elected Mr. Barthel-Rosa (Brazil) Chairman and Mr. Jagnetti (Switzerland) Vice-Chairman of the Committee.
2. The Committee noted that consultations on procedures for participation of interested non-signatories in an observer capacity were still going on and decided to postpone the consideration of this question until its next meeting.
3. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee will be held in April 1980 and will follow that of the Anti-Dumping Committee. A provisional agenda for that meeting will be drawn up by the Chairman in consultation with signatories and will be circulated to members of the Committee 3-4 weeks in advance of the meeting. If it proves desirable the Chairman may convene a meeting at an earlier date. The procedures for drawing up the agenda for such meeting will be the same as for the regular meeting.
4. The Chairman recalled that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 19:5 of the Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI and XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, each signatory should ensure that its laws, regulations and administrative procedures are in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement and that such national legislation should be notified to the Committee. Accordingly the signatories were invited to submit all relevant texts to the GATT secretariat as soon as possible.
5. The Chairman also recalled that Article 18:4 of the Agreement invited each signatory to indicate, at the beginning of each year to the Chairman of the Committee the name of one or two persons who would be available for serving on panels. Consequently the signatories were invited to make appropriate notifications as soon as possible.
6. It was agreed that other questions relating to procedures for future work of the Committee would be taken up at its next meeting.

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