

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICES

Meeting of 5-6 May 1980

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee met on 5-6 May 1980 under the Chairmanship of Mr. M. Lemmel (Sweden).
2. The Committee adopted procedures for the participation of observers (see Annex I) and considered a number of specific points arising from these procedures.
3. The Committee adopted Decisions on the Understandings concerning the application of the Agreement to developing countries and on dispute settlement (cf. documents MTN/NTM/W/232/Rev.1/Add.1 and 2 and MTN/NTM/W/232/Add.2).
4. The Committee heard general policy statements from a number of delegations as well as statements on steps taken by signatories to implement and administer the Agreement. The Chairman urged the Parties who had not submitted their national legislations and implementing regulations to do so by 30 June 1980. The Committee will proceed with systematic examination of national legislations at its October 1980 meeting.
5. The Committee discussed procedures for notifications under the relevant Articles of the Agreement. It agreed to examine semi-annual reports on all anti-dumping actions taken within the preceding six months at its autumn session. The Chairman, in consultation with interested Parties, will circulate a draft standard format for such semi-annual reports.
6. The Committee discussed the procedures for accession of non-contracting parties and agreed to revert to this question at its next meeting.
7. The Committee agreed to proceed with the annual review of the operation of the Agreement at its autumn session on the basis of reports from the Committee's meetings and other reports under the Agreement. Following this review the Committee will prepare its report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

8. The Committee requested the Chairman to propose to the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures to set up a joint group of experts to examine issues involved in the definition of the word "related" as required by footnote 7 to Article 4 of the Agreement.

9. The Committee heard a statement from the Chairman regarding the procedures for circulation of documents. The Committee accepted these procedures and a proposal from the Chairman concerning the derestriction of documents.

10. It was agreed to schedule the next meeting for the week of 20 October 1980, subject to confirmation by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.

ANNEX I

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.