

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
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COMMITTEE ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES

Meeting of 8 May 1980

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee met on 8 May 1980 under the Chairmanship of Mr. P.R. Barthel Rosa (Brazil).
2. The Committee considered a number of specific points related to procedures for the participation of observers from non-contracting parties to the GATT and from international organizations.
3. The Committee agreed on its rules of procedure and on the procedures for circulation of the Committee's documents. The Committee accepted a proposal from the Chairman concerning the derestriction of documents.
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 Committee noted a request from the Chairman that signatories who had not submitted their national legislation and implementing regulations should endeavour to do so by the end of June 1980. The Committee will proceed with a systematic examination of national legislation at its October 1980 meeting.
5. The Committee was informed about the situation concerning notification of subsidies under Article XVI:1 of the General Agreement. The Chairman invited signatories to submit their notifications as soon as possible.
6. The Committee discussed procedures for notifications under the relevant Articles of the Agreement. It agreed that semi-annual reports on all countervailing duty actions taken within the preceding six months should be submitted for the October 1980 meeting of the Committee. The Chairman, in consultation with interested delegations, will circulate a draft standard format for these reports.
7. The Committee decided to set up, in conjunction with the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices a group of experts with the task to identify, at technical level, problems involved in the definition of the word "related". This group will report to both the Committees. The Committee also decided to set up a group of experts with the task to identify, at the technical level, problems involved in the calculation of the amount of the subsidy. This group will report to the Committee.

8. The Committee discussed procedures for accession of non-contracting parties and agreed to revert to this question at its next meeting.

9. The Committee agreed to proceed with the annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement at its October 1980 session on the basis of reports from the Committee's meetings and other reports under the Agreement. It also agreed that the secretariat should prepare a brief outline for this review. Following this review the Committee will prepare its report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

10. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee should follow that of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices and start on 23 October 1980. The Chairman will confirm this date in consultation with delegations.