

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Meeting of 4-6 November 1980

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its fifth meeting on 4-6 November 1980 under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. Newkirk (United States).
2. The Committee noted that a country having provisionally acceded to the GATT had accepted the Agreement under Article 15.2. Informal consultations are to be held in order to define the terms of acceptance as rapidly as possible.
3. The Committee established a working party to draw up proposals for mutually satisfactory terms for the accession of a non-contracting party to the Agreement (TBT/2). The Working Party will meet before the end of the year and report to the Committee at its next meeting.
4. The Committee continued its discussion of the applicability of the Agreement to processes and production methods and agreed to keep the matter on the agenda for its next meeting.
5. The Committee heard statements from a number of delegations on the implementation and administration of the Agreement and initiated the first Annual Review of the Agreement on the basis of a factual document prepared by the secretariat (TBT/W/16). It decided to complete the review at its next meeting after delegations have had an opportunity to reply to questions addressed to them.
6. In accordance with Article 15.8 of the Agreement, the Committee adopted its annual report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/5068).
7. The next meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for February 1981. The exact date will be fixed by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.