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COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Meeting of 1 July 1982

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held its eighth meeting on 1 July 1982.
2. The Committee noted that the matter of entities operating military aircraft was concluded, and that the outstanding new notifications would be made shortly. It pursued the question of customs treatment of repairs of civil aircraft; a number of replies to the questionnaire were received, as well as proposed texts regarding the binding of duties and other charges on repairs. The matter will be reverted to at the next meeting. The representative of the United States recalled his authorities' policy regarding subsidies. The Committee also noted the information concerning a study undertaken by the International Trade Commission on the economic impact of foreign export credit subsidies on certain US industries.
3. The Committee received a notification by the United States under Article 8.6 of initiation of investigation of alleged subsidies (AIR/33). It entered into simultaneous consultations on this matter according to Article 8.6, and heard views of the two parties concerned.
4. The Committee received the report of the Technical Sub-Committee (AIR/TSC/4) on proposals for extension of the product coverage. It requested the Chairman to make the necessary arrangements for the detailed examination of the report. The Committee also had a preliminary exchange of views on the scope of further negotiations under Article 8.3. With respect to possible contributions to the Ministerial meeting, the Committee asked the Chairman to prepare a note containing a factual account of certain points the Signatories would like to see drawn to the attention of the Preparatory Committee.
5. Under other business, the Committee heard an account of the discussions in the OECD on export credit subsidies, and took note of a request for rectifications to the Annex. The secretariat was asked to prepare a paper explaining the practical application of the procedures for Rectification and Modification of Schedules (L/4962) with respect of the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft.
6. The dates of the next meetings were set for 6-7 October 1982 and the week of 7 March 1983.