

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft

COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Meeting of 8 and 10 March 1983

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held its tenth meeting on 8 and 10 March 1983. It elected Mr. T. Sato (Japan) as Chairman, and Mr. B. Côté (Canada) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee; it also elected Mr. G. Weise (USA) as Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee.
2. The Committee discussed the question of identification of civil aircraft, as opposed to military aircraft, for domestic customs administrative purposes. The matter was referred to the Technical Sub-Committee for examination.
3. The Committee agreed on the interpretation of Article 2.1.2 on the elimination of duties and other charges on repairs. The agreed text is reproduced in the Committee's Minutes (AIR/M/10); it applies to those products covered in the Annex to the Agreement. The Committee also agreed that all Signatories would insert a headnote in their respective GATT Schedules, in accordance with Article 2.1.3, binding the concession on duty free treatment of repairs. An indicative text for this headnote was agreed on, (see AIR/M/10).
4. The Committee was invited to have an exchange of views on policies and developments in two specific sectors of the aircraft industry - a new 150 seat commercial transport, and commuter aircraft. One member of the Committee said that such matters were best treated bilaterally; two other members gave a succinct description of their current programmes.
5. Under "Further Negotiations" the Committee noted that 16 ex-CCCN, four digit items had been tentatively agreed for the inclusion in the Annex to the Agreement. Further items would be reexamined by those Signatories that had reservations on them. The Committee referred several items to the Technical Sub-Committee for technical work, including tariff concordance and language.
6. The date of the autumn meeting was set for 4 and 5 October 1983. The possibility of a summer meeting was left open.