

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS VALUATION

Meeting of 10 May 1983

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee held its seventh meeting on 10 May 1983.
2. The Committee took note of statements on technical assistance being given to developing countries, both Parties and non-Parties, in connection with the Agreement.
3. The Committee continued its examination of national implementing legislation on the basis of texts of national legislation and information members had submitted in written replies to points contained in a checklist of issues.
4. The Committee took note of a detailed oral report on the fifth meeting of the Technical Committee on Customs Valuation, held on 7-11 March 1983, presented by the Director of the Valuation Directorate of the Customs Cooperation Council.
5. The Committee considered the question of collecting additional and more uniform information on the use by Parties of the various valuation methods provided for under the Agreement on the basis of recommendations for a common methodology made by the Technical Committee (VAL/W/17), and agreed to revert to this question at its next meeting.
6. The Committee continued its consideration of proposals for decisions to clarify the treatment of interest charges for deferred payment in the customs valuation of imported goods (VAL/W/13/Rev.1) and the valuation of computer software (VAL/W/14/Rev.1), and had an exchange of views on some legal aspects in this connection on the basis of a secretariat note (VAL/W/16). It agreed to revert to these questions at its next meeting in the light of the further consultations that were expected to take place among delegations.
7. The Committee adopted its annual report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/5491), having regard inter alia to the invitation addressed to the Committee by the Council in connection with the Ministerial decision on a review by the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the operation of the MTN Agreements and Arrangements (L/5424, page 11).
8. The next meetings of the Committee are scheduled for 9-11 November 1983 and 3-4 May 1984.