

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Meeting of 17-18 May 1983

### Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its thirteenth meeting on 17-18 May 1983, under the Chairmanship of Mr. K. Bergholm (Finland).
2. The Committee heard statements from a number of signatories on the implementation and administration of the Agreement.
3. Following the Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange, the Committee took note of an oral report presented by its Chairman (Mr. D. Bondad). The Committee adopted a number of recommendations on notification procedures and on enquiries which the enquiry points should be prepared to answer.
4. The Committee agreed to request the secretariat to prepare a list of products covered by TBT notifications, which should be ready by the end of the year.
5. The Committee had a first exchange of views on a draft understanding regarding Article 14.25 of the Agreement. It agreed to revert to this matter at its next meeting in the light of further consultations to be held in the interim.
6. The Committee discussed the arrangements for the fourth annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement. It agreed that a section of its annual report for 1983 would be devoted to the review of the operation of the Agreement as called for in the Ministerial decision of November 1982 on MTN Agreements and Arrangements.
7. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 4-5 October 1983.