

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Meeting of 29 October 1982

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its eleventh meeting on 29 October 1982, under the chairmanship of Mr. K. Bergholm (Finland).
2. The Committee completed its third annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade in accordance with Article 15.8 of the Agreement (TBT/10 and Suppl.1).
3. The Committee initiated its first three-year review of the operation and implementation of the Agreement in accordance with Article 15.9. In this context it considered a number of proposals relating to coverage, interpretation and operating procedures of the Agreement submitted by signatories (TBT/W/49, TBT/11, TBT/12 and TBT/13).
4. The Committee agreed to arrange for regular meetings of persons responsible for enquiry points and made recommendations to Parties concerning the period allowed for comments on proposed technical regulations and certification systems.
5. The Committee noted that in general the Agreement had operated satisfactorily. It expressed the hope that participation in the Agreement would increase in the future, particularly as regards less-developed contracting parties.
6. The Committee adopted its report (1982) to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/5407).
7. The Committee will complete its first three-year review of the operation and implementation of the Agreement at its next meeting, the date of which will be fixed by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.