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COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Meeting of 20 and 22 March 1984

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held its twelfth meeting on 20 and 22 March 1984. It elected Mr. B. Côté (Canada) as Chairman, and Mr. O. Zosso (Switzerland) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee; it also elected Mr. J. Schraven (F.R. Germany) as Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee.
2. The Committee discussed the transposition of the Annex to the Agreement into the Harmonized System nomenclature, as well as the methods of incorporating aircraft concessions expressed in Harmonized System in GATT Schedules and national tariffs. It referred the technical aspects of this work to the Technical Sub-Committee, with a request for recommendations.
3. The Committee heard progress reports from Signatories on their domestic legislative process for the implementation of the extended Annex by 1 January 1985. To facilitate timely implementation, the Committee took an exceptional decision regarding the final text of the consolidated Annex to the Agreement, incorporating the changes resulting from negotiations under Article 8.3 of the Agreement (see AIR/45).
4. The Committee also heard statements regarding government-supported export credits for civil aircraft; in view of the interest expressed in the discussions under way in the OECD on this matter, it decided to maintain this item on its agenda.
5. Further to its report to the Contracting Parties (L/5554), the Committee heard a brief report from the outgoing chairman covering preliminary consultations with non-signatory contracting parties, particularly developing countries who are producers of aircraft or components, on the obstacles they perceive to accepting the Aircraft Agreement. The elected chairman was invited to complete these consultations.
6. Matters were also raised concerning aircraft counterfeit parts; government funding of aircraft development programmes, and preparatory work for further negotiations under Article 8.3.
7. The date of the next meeting of the Committee was set for 10 and 12 October 1984; it being understood that the Technical Sub-Committee would meet on 8 and 9 October 1984.