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COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Meeting of 10 October 1984

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held its thirteenth meeting on 10 October 1984.
2. The Committee heard a progress report from the Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee on its work on the transposition of the Annex to the Agreement into the Harmonized System nomenclature, as well as the methods of incorporating aircraft concessions in Harmonized System in GATT Schedules and national tariffs. On transposition into the Harmonized System, the Committee stressed the importance of timely completion of this exercise, and looked forward to a further progress report from the Technical Sub-Committee at its next meeting. On incorporation of aircraft concessions in national tariffs, the Committee expressed the view that various methods could be used by Signatories provided they ensured transparency, and were capable of delivering the statistics on trade in civil aircraft.
3. The Committee heard progress reports from Signatories on their domestic legislative process for implementation of the extended Annex to the Agreement, scheduled to enter into force on 1 January 1985.
4. The Committee also heard statements regarding the interpretation of Article 4.4, government-supported export credits and the use of mixed credits/tied aid in the sales of civil aircraft. Interest was expressed in the discussion of these latter matters in the OECD. The Committee also had discussions on trade in counterfeit civil aircraft parts and expressed the hope that consideration of trade in counterfeit goods, initiated in the general GATT context, would be carried forward expeditiously.
5. The Committee adopted its annual report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/5698).
6. The dates of the next meeting of the Committee was set for 17 and 18 April 1985.