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COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Report to the Contracting Parties

1. This report is submitted under Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft. It sets out the activities of the Committee since November 1983.
2. In October 1984 there were twenty Signatories to the Agreement: Austria, Canada, the EEC, Belgium, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Egypt (subject to ratification), Japan, Norway, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States. In addition, the following Contracting Parties have observer status in the Committee: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Czechoslovakia, Gabon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malta, Mauritius, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Yugoslavia. The IMF and UNCTAD are also observers.
3. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held two meetings in the period under review: on 20 and 22 March 1984, and 10 October 1984.
4. Further to the negotiations under Article 8.3, which resulted in an agreement to include thirty-two new categories of products (expressed in terms of CCCN) in the Annex to the Agreement, the Committee received progress reports from Signatories on their domestic legislative process for implementation of the extended Annex. The draft Certification of Modifications and Rectifications containing the new Annex was issued in document AIR/48 on 28 September 1984. The new Annex is scheduled to enter into force on 1 January 1985.
5. 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 received a progress report from the Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee to which it has referred the technical aspects of the work. The Technical Sub-Committee will pursue this work.
6. The Committee 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

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the discussion of these latter matters in the OECD. Other matters raised included preparatory work for the negotiations under Article 8.3, and transparency in government support of aircraft development programmes. 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.

7. The minutes of the Committee's meetings are contained in documents AIR/M/1 to 13 and are available to the contracting parties to the GATT.