

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

MEETING OF 16-17 OCTOBER 1984

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its seventeenth meeting on 16-17 October 1984, under the Chairmanship of Mr. H.W. Verbeek (Federal Republic of Germany).
2. The Committee heard statements by the Parties on measures taken by them with respect to the implementation and administration of the Agreement. In this connection it requested the signatories that had not yet ratified the Agreement to draw the attention of their governments to a note by the secretariat contained in document TBT/W/74/Rev.1 and to report on the matter to the Committee.
3. The Committee agreed on procedures for exchange of information on technical assistance. It also agreed on procedures for circulating a list of products covered by the notifications drawn up by the secretariat.
4. The Committee agreed to address the question of testing and inspection and of the status of work of the Group of Quantitative Restrictions and Other Non-Tariff Measures relating to standards notification in the Inventories of Non-Tariff Measures at its next meeting.
5. The Committee pursued its discussion of handling of comments on proposed technical regulations and rules of certification systems and agreed to include this matter on the agenda of the third meeting of persons responsible for information exchange, to be held in conjunction with its regular meeting in the Spring of 1985.
6. The Committee agreed to hold an information meeting on the implementation and operation of the Agreement with developing country signatories and non-signatories, in conjunction with its regular meeting in the Spring of 1985.
7. The Committee held its fifth annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement under Article 15.8 on the basis of background documentation prepared by the secretariat (TBT/10 and Suppls 1 and 2, TBT/17 and Suppls 1 and 2, TBT/18 and Suppl.1, TBT/W/25/Rev.9, TBT/W/31/Rev.4 and Corr.1 and TBT/W/62/Rev.1 and Corr.1), and adopted its Report (1984) to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (to be issued in document L/5703).
8. The Committee agreed to hold its next regular meeting on 26-27 February 1985.