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COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Meeting of 17-18 April 1985

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held its fourteenth meeting on 17 and 18 April 1985.
2. The Committee heard the second 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. The Technical Sub-Committee had made good progress and was now examining draft Harmonized System language; it would meet twice before reporting again to the Committee at its October 1985 meeting.
3. The Committee reviewed the implementation of the New Annex, which had entered into force on 1 January 1985. It urged those Signatories which had not yet implemented the new concessions to do so without delay. The Committee noted that the procedures for changing the Annex could be improved, and was prepared to examine any proposals to that effect. The Committee also reviewed Signatories' binding of new aircraft concessions through the 6th Certification of Changes to GATT Schedules.
4. The Committee heard a brief account of recent developments in the OECD on questions of export credits for aircraft. The Committee discussed whether there was a need for common interpretation of the term "inducements" in Article 4.4. The matter will be the subject of an informal meeting in the autumn, with a view to further discussion in the Committee as appropriate. There were also discussions of government supports under Article 6, and it was agreed that these would continue on a bilateral basis.
5. The dates of the next meetings were set for 9 and 10 October 1985 and 23 and 24 April 1986.