

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON IMPORT LICENSING

Meeting of 12 June 1985

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its thirteenth meeting on 12 June 1985, under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Liontas (Greece). The Committee considered two items: the work programme underway in the Committee and preparations for the third biennial review under Article 5.5 of the Agreement.
2. In its consideration of the work programme on the basis of a revised secretariat document (LIC/W/25/Rev.1), the Committee found the information in Part I (cataloguing signatories' licensing practices and procedures relevant to the phrases in the Agreement under review) insufficient to guide its deliberations, and invited more delegations to supply additional material to Part II (suggestions as to how to proceed on the above-mentioned phrases). The Committee decided to continue its consideration of the work programme in an informal meeting in September, which will precede its consideration in the context of the third biennial review in October.
3. The Committee decided to proceed with preparation for the third biennial review of the Agreement as outlined in the secretariat background note LIC/W/28.
4. One signatory submitted a preliminary proposal to look at Article 1.1 of the Agreement in the context of the work programme. This would entail consideration of what constituted an import license, even if not called as such, and might assist in resolving a current problem with another signatory over this issue. The same signatory also reserved his delegation's right to request consultations under Article 4.2 of the Agreement.
5. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 9 October 1985.