

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## COMMITTEE ON IMPORT LICENSING

Meeting of 9 October 1985

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its fourteenth meeting on 9 October 1985, under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Liontas (Greece).
2. The Committee took note of information available on import licensing procedures provided orally and in writing by Parties to the Agreement. One Party drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that another Party had not yet replied to the GATT questionnaire on import licensing procedures. Another Party, stating that import licensing measures recently introduced by one Party were not in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures and of the General Agreement itself, reserved its right in regard to these measures.
3. The Committee noted with satisfaction the steps taken by one Party to comply with Article 3(c) of the Agreement on import licensing procedures. However, as a number of signatories expressed concerns with other aspects of the import licensing system of that Party, the Committee agreed to revert to this matter in the future.
4. In the context of its Work Programme the Committee took note of the results of the discussions held previously on certain aspects of the programme and agreed to revert to these in the light of various proposals that had been made. It also agreed to initiate discussions of the remaining aspects of the programme at its next meeting. The Committee took note of the request by one Party that the question of the coverage of Article 1.1 of the Agreement be examined as a priority item, and agreed that this question be included in the Work Programme.
5. The Committee carried out its third biennial review of the Agreement on the basis of documentation prepared by the secretariat (LIC/9 and Corr.1).
6. The Committee adopted its report (1985) to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/5884).
7. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 12 March 1985.