

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Meeting of 22 June 1987

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its twenty-fifth meeting on 22 June 1987 under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. Bondad (Philippines).
2. The Committee adopted a recommendation on the exchange of information on translation into a GATT language of documents relating to notifications which would enable a Party to identify and contact any other Parties who might be prepared to share their translation of documents on mutually agreed terms.
3. The Committee recommended that Parties provide information on national measures taken to promote the implementation of the principles and rules in ISO/IEC Guides 25, 38, 39, 43 and 45 as a basis for testing and inspection activities in their territories. In this connection the Committee heard statements from a number of Parties on the implementation of these Guides at the national level.
4. In order to increase transparency on bilateral standards agreements, the Committee agreed to amend the existing recommendation on enquiries which the enquiry points should be prepared to answer (TBT/16/Rev.3, page 12, paragraph (b)), to cover enquiries on the participation of Parties in bilateral arrangements as well as on the provisions of such arrangements.
5. The Committee agreed that the non-exhaustive list of issues that individual Parties wished to be discussed and examined with respect to the improvement, clarification and expansion, as appropriate, of the Agreement in the Uruguay Round would be transmitted by the Chairman to the Negotiating Group on MTN Agreements and Arrangements (NG8).
6. The Committee agreed to arrangements for the 1987 Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange, to be held in conjunction with its next meeting scheduled for 12-14 October 1987.