

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TARIFFS AND TRADE

Limited Distribution

COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS VALUATION

Meeting of 11 October 1988

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee completed the examination of the national legislation of Zimbabwe. Under the agenda item on the implementation and administration of the Agreement, it was informed that the implementing legislation of India had entered into force as from 16 August 1988 (VAL/1/Add.24). Furthermore, it took note of the first part of the two-stage package of proposed amendments to the national legislation of Australia (VAL/1/Add.14/Suppl.2) and heard a statement by this delegation in response to clarifications sought by some Parties on various aspects of these amendments. The Committee agreed to revert to its discussion of the implementing legislation of Argentina, Australia and India at its next meeting.

2. With regard to the reservation of Brazil under paragraph I:3 of the Protocol, the Committee was informed that the use of officially-established minimum values and reference prices had been abolished on 22 July 1988 (VAL/W/36/Add.3). It therefore noted with satisfaction that Brazil had complied with the commitments under paragraph 4 of the Decision of June 1986 (VAL/M/18).

3. The Committee heard a detailed report on the sixteenth session of the Technical Committee on Customs Valuation held on 3-6 October 1988 under the auspices of the Customs Co-operation Council.

4. The Committee heard statements by some Parties explaining their views on the two advisory opinions adopted by the Technical Committee on the treatment of quota charges under Article 1 (quota charges paid by the buyer to the seller of the goods and quota charges paid by the buyer to a third person).

5. The Committee addressed a problem of linguistic consistency in the Notes to Articles 2 and 3 of the Agreement and agreed to revert to this matter in the light of a note prepared by the secretariat.

6. The Committee held its eighth annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement on the basis of a background note circulated in document VAL/W/47 (to be revised and issued in the VAL/- series of documents). It also adopted its Report (1988) to the CONTRACTING PARTIES under Article 26 of the Agreement (issued as L/6413).