

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS VALUATION

Meeting of 21 March 1989

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee re-elected Mr. A. Rodin (Sweden), Chairman and elected Mr. P. Cheung (Hong Kong), Vice-Chairman for 1989.
2. The Committee welcomed the ratification of the Agreement by Turkey (VAL/36). It noted that Turkey had delayed application of the Agreement for a period of five years under Article 21.1 of the Agreement.
3. The Committee heard a detailed report on the seventeenth Session of the Technical Committee on Customs Valuation, held on 14-17 March 1989 under the auspices of the Customs Co-operation Council.
4. The Committee continued its examination of the national implementing legislations of Argentina, India and Australia, on the basis of the texts of national legislation and information Parties had submitted in written replies to points contained in a revised checklist of issues. It agreed to revert to the legislation of Argentina at its next meeting, when it will also examine the recent revisions of the implementing legislations of Australia and the Republic of Korea. The Committee completed the examination of the national legislation of India.
5. With regard to technical assistance, the Committee heard an announcement by the Chairman that the secretariat was giving active consideration to arranging a workshop on the Agreement. The programme and the timing of this workshop would be determined by the secretariat in consultation with the Customs Co-operation Council and interested delegations. It also heard views expressed by a number of Parties and observers, including the observer from the Customs Co-operation Council, on the organization of the proposed workshop. Under this item, the Committee also noted that a seminar on the Agreement had been organized by the Government of Mexico on 6-8 March 1989.
6. The Committee heard a proposal for settling a question of linguistic consistency between the English, French and Spanish texts of the Agreement in paragraph 1 of both the Note to Article 2 and the Note to Article 3. It agreed that, if there were no objections, the proposed rectification to the French text of the Agreement be changed accordingly.
7. The Committee will hold its next meeting on 10 October 1989.