

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## COMMITTEE ON IMPORT LICENSING MEETING OF 21 SEPTEMBER 1989

### Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its twenty-fourth meeting on 21 September 1989 under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Molloy (Ireland).
2. The Committee took note of revised, corrected or updated replies to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures from Chile, Hong Kong, Hungary, Singapore and Yugoslavia (issued in the L/5640/-series), as well as publications concerning import licensing procedures received from Canada, Hong Kong and New Zealand. The Committee also took note of a statement by the European Community that an updated reply to the Questionnaire had been submitted on behalf of the Benelux countries.
3. The Committee took note of a notification from Mexico, transmitting a copy of the Decree Enacting the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, and a notification from Hong Kong on the introduction of an import licensing system for certain ozone-depleting substances.
4. The Committee heard introductory statements by the United States and Hong Kong on a joint proposal to improve the Agreement, which was submitted both to the Committee and to the Negotiating Group on MTN Agreements and Arrangements. Some participants made preliminary comments on the proposal. Consideration of the proposal will continue at the Committee's next meeting, with the Committee trying as pragmatically as possible to avoid duplicating discussion in the Negotiating Group.
5. The Committee agreed to conduct the fifth Biennial Review of the Agreement at its next meeting on 23 November 1989. Also at that meeting, the Committee will complete its examination of information available on import licensing, finalise its annual report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and continue discussions on proposals made to improve the Agreement.