

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS VALUATION

Meeting of 10 October 1989

Note by Chairman

1. The Committee held its twenty-fifth meeting on 10 October 1989.
2. The Committee welcomed the acceptance of the Agreement by Cyprus on 24 May 1989 (VAL/38).
3. The Committee took note of a detailed oral report on the eighteenth session of the Technical Committee on Customs Valuation, held under the auspices of the Customs Co-operation Council from 2-6 October 1989.
4. The Committee completed the examination of the national legislation of Argentina. It continued its examination of the implementation and administration of the Agreement in Australia and the Republic of Korea on the basis of texts of national legislation and the information provided by these countries in response to clarifications sought by other Parties concerning certain amendments in the implementing legislation of these countries. It agreed to revert to the legislation of Australia and the Republic of Korea at its next meeting, when it also expects to examine the implementing legislation of Cyprus and Malawi.
5. The Committee heard a statement by the delegation of India, introducing the proposal on "Justification for India's proposal on burden of proof" (VAL/W/51).
6. Following the discussion of a question of linguistic consistency relating to the first sentence of paragraph 1 of both the Note to Article 2 and the Note to Article 3 of the Agreement, the Committee agreed to replace the words "la vente" with the word "ceux" in the French text of the Agreement (VAL/W/49/Add.2).
7. The Committee held its ninth annual review under Article 26 on the basis of a background note by the secretariat (VAL/W/50).