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COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES

1. This report is submitted under Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft. It sets out the activities of the Committee since October 1989.
2. As at 1 November 1990 there were twenty-two signatories to the Agreement: Austria, Canada, the EEC, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece (subject to ratification), Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Japan, Norway, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States. In addition, the following contracting parties have observer status in the Committee: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Czechoslovakia, Gabon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malta, Mauritius, Nigeria, Poland, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey and Yugoslavia. The IMF and UNCTAD are also observers.
3. The Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft held one meeting in the period under review, on 31 January 1990.
4. At that meeting the Committee considered a request by one Party under Article 8 of the Agreement regarding consultations on the Federal Republic of Germany's exchange rate scheme for the German Airbus partner. Another Party raised the same matter under Article 6 and asked for additional information, noting that this issue had been raised under the dispute settlement provisions of the Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI and XXIII (the Subsidies Code). Regarding mandatory offsets, one Party raised the question of another Party's provision of information on the practices of certain Parties. The Committee also heard a further report on the ongoing bilateral consultations on Articles 4 and 6. One Party indicated that it had requested information from another Party under Article 5:1 regarding import licensing requirements and highlighted the general requirement to share information regarding compliance with all obligations under the Agreement.
5. The minutes of the Committee's meetings are contained in documents AIR/M/1 to 28 and are available to the contracting parties to the GATT.