

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

TARIFFS AND TRADE

BOP/R/199

15 April 1992

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Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions

NOTE ON THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 1992

Other business

1. The Committee met on 19 March, under the chairmanship of Mr. J.-F Boittin (France) to conduct consultations with India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (BOP/R/197).
2. Under "Other Business", the Committee agreed that the next full consultation with Tunisia would take place in the week of 22 June 1992. A simplified consultation with Bangladesh and a full consultation with Egypt would be held in conjunction with the Trade Policy Reviews of these countries. The Trade Policy Review of Bangladesh would take place in the week of 8 June, and that of Egypt in the week of 6 July. The BOP consultations would be on the day following the TPR meeting.
3. The Committee, in the light of informal consultations carried out by Turkey with a number of delegations, agreed to the postponement of the full consultation with Turkey until February 1993.
4. With regard to consultations to be held in conjunction with Trade Policy Reviews, the Committee agreed that, in view of the substantial documentation prepared for TPR meetings, the Secretariat would prepare only a short factual background paper containing aspects relevant to the work of the Committee. As to the "basic document for the consultation", the Committee agreed that the consulting country would be free to prepare a specific document for the consultation; however, if its own TPRM report met the requirements laid down for the basic document, the Committee could, at the request of the consulting country, consider the TPRM report as the basic document for the consultation.
5. The Committee welcomed the request by the representative of Pakistan, who participated at the meeting as an observer, to become a member of the Committee.