REPORT OF THE SECOND AND THIRD MEETINGS

1. The TSB held its second and third meetings of 1976 on 9-11 February and 2-3 March. The report of the first meeting was approved and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/147. In connexion with paragraphs 4-7 of that report the Chairman recalled that as in all cases involving disputes between two countries only one of which had a member on the TSB, the consensus of the TSB was reached in accordance with the procedures described in Annex 1 of COM.TEX/SB/30.

2. The TSB reviewed a bilateral agreement under Article 4 between the EEC and Pakistan and agreed to circulate it to the Textiles Committee. This has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/148. It is the understanding of the TSB that if at any time either party proposes a modification of the agreement, including its annexes, such a proposal would be followed by consultations between the parties. Any modification of the agreement would be notified to the TSB in accordance with the provisions of Article 4:4 of the Arrangement. Should any modification be made, the TSB shall consider whether the modified agreement continues to be consonant with the Arrangement.

3. Together with this agreement the EEC also notified a unilateral phasing-out programme in respect of certain restrictions on products not covered by the Article 4 agreement. This programme was contested by Pakistan and referred to the TSB for examination. The TSB's conclusion on this matter is contained in document COM.TEX/SB/144.

4. The TSB reviewed a notification by Jamaica under Articles 2:1 and 2:4 of the restrictions maintained by Jamaica on imports of textiles at the inception of the Arrangement and on the present status of these restrictions. It was agreed to circulate the notification under Article 2:1 and this has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/149. Consideration of the justification of these restrictions was deferred to a later meeting.

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1 Thirty-third and thirty-fourth meetings.

2 In accordance with the procedure established by the TSB for the review of Article 4 notifications as contained in COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
5. It was agreed to circulate to the Textiles Committee two letters received from the Government of Australia notifying the withdrawal of the unilateral restrictions previously applied under Article 3:6 on imports of certain products from the Philippines and Singapore. This has been done in documents COM.TEX/SB/150 and 151 respectively.¹

¹For the relevant recommendations of the TSB, see COM.TEX/SB/137 and 142.