REPORT OF THE NINTH MEETING (1976)

1. The TSB held its ninth meeting of 1976 on 24 and 25 June. The report of the eighth meeting was approved and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/173.

2. The TSB reviewed a bilateral agreement under Article 4 between the EEC and Hong Kong and agreed to circulate it to the Textiles Committee. This has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/176. 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. 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. The TSB has not yet addressed itself to the examination of this programme.

3. A bilateral agreement under Article 3 between Austria and Hong Kong was reviewed and found to be in conformity with the Arrangement. It has been circulated for information as document COM.TEX/SB/180.

4. The TSB reviewed and agreed to circulate agreements concluded under Article 4 between the United States and Egypt, the United States and Haiti (covering the years 1976-78) and the United States and Brazil (1 April 1976 to 31 March 1979). They have been circulated as documents COM.TEX/SB/177, 179 and 178 respectively.

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2In 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. The TSB received a report from the European Economic Community under Article 2:4 on the status of its negotiations for the conclusion of bilateral agreements. The report has been circulated for information as COM.TEX/SB/183. A number of the bilateral agreements referred to in the report as having been notified to the TSB have been initialled but not yet formally concluded. The TSB has accordingly not yet finalized its review of these agreements. Nor has the TSB yet addressed itself to the consideration of the programmes for the phasing-out of previously existing restrictions which have been notified with respect to certain exporting countries.

6. The TSB reviewed a notification by Uruguay under Article 2:1 of the restrictions it maintains on imports of textiles. It was agreed to circulate this notification under Articles 2:1 and 2:4 which has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/181.

7. Work continued on the preparation of the TSB's report to the Textiles Committee in connexion with the major review.