Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FOURTH MEETING

1. The TSB held its fourth meeting of 1976 on 9 and 10 March. The report of the second and third meetings was approved and has been circulated to the Textiles Committee as COM.TEX/SB/155.

2. The TSB had received from the European Economic Community a notification of certain temporary restrictions under Article 3:6 which had been imposed on imports of cotton yarn from Spain into the United Kingdom. It had also received from the Government of Spain a complaint against these restrictions and a request that they should be examined by the TSB. Having heard statements by both sides, the TSB noted that the procedural requirements of Article 3:6, particularly as regards the obligation to offer prior consultations, had not been complied with. However, since it emerged from the discussion that both sides were willing to enter into consultations, the TSB urged that these should be conducted forthwith with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable solution. It requested that the result of these consultations should be reported as soon as practicably possible and in any event not later than 12 April 1976.

3. The TSB reviewed an agreement under Article 4 between the USA and Thailand, covering the years 1976 - 1978, and agreed to circulate it to the Textiles Committee for information. This has been done in COM.TEX/SB/153. It also reviewed and agreed to circulate an Article 4 agreement between the USA and the Philippines, valid from 1 October 1975 to 30 September 1978. This has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/154. Also reviewed were Article 4 agreements concluded between the USA and Poland, and the USA and India. These have been circulated as documents COM.TEX/SB/152 and 158 respectively.

4. The USA also notified, under Article 2:4, the termination of formerly existing bilateral agreements on cotton textiles with Greece, Malta, Nicaragua, Peru and Portugal and at the same time reported on the status of negotiations for termination with a number of other countries. This notification has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/157.

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1 Thirty fifth meeting.
5. The TSB also reviewed and agreed to circulate a bilateral agreement between the USA and a non-participating country which had been notified by the USA under Articles 7 and 8 in accordance with the decision of the Textiles Committee that actions taken vis-à-vis non-participants should be notified. This has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/156.

6. Referring to the provisions of Article 2:3, the TSB recorded that as a matter of practice, on a case by case basis, and by analogy with the provisions for extension in Article 2:2, it had concurred, at the request of the participating countries concerned, and following consultations between them, in an extension of not more than one year (1 April 1975 - 31 March 1976) of the period for the completion of the renegotiation of bilateral agreements notified under Article 2:1.