Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT OF THE NINTH MEETING (1975)

1. The TSB held its ninth meeting of 1975 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 US and Egypt, the US and Haiti (covering the years 1976-78) and the US and Brazil (1.4.76 to 31.3.79). They have been circulated as documents COM TEX/SB/177, 179 and 178 respectively.

1Fortieth meeting

2In accordance with the procedure established by the TSB for the review of Article 4 notifications as contained in COM.TEX/SB/55, Annex B.
5. 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/SR/181.

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