

GATT/AIR/425

27 OCTOBER 1964

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE

1. AS ANNOUNCED IN GATT/AIR/420 THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE WILL MEET FROM 30 NOVEMBER TO 4 DECEMBER 1964. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, BEGINNING AT 3 PM ON MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

2. THE MAIN MATTERS WHICH I BELIEVE SHOULD RECEIVE CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE:

(i) THE SECOND ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES AND A REPORT TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN CONNEXION WITH ARTICLE 8(c) OF THE ARRANGEMENT;

(ii) PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE STRUCTURE AND THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES.

3. I EXPECT THAT UNDER POINT (ii) ABOVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL INITIATE DISCUSSION TO ENSURE A SERIOUS EXAMINATION OF THESE PROBLEMS AND MAKE PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER STUDIES WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL IN THIS CONNEXION.

4. WORKING PAPERS ARE BEING PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT WHICH MAY SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER POINTS (i) AND (ii) ABOVE, INCLUDING A SURVEY ON TRENDS IN PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY AND PRODUCTION CONDUCTED IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF COTTON AND ALLIED TEXTILE INDUSTRIES; THE SURVEY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING.

5. IT IS FELT DESIRABLE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ALSO MEET AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL DURING THE WEEK; DEALING, INTER ALIA, WITH THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

(i) REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES UNDER ARTICLES 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE ARRANGEMENT;

(ii) COLLECTION AND CIRCULATION OF STATISTICS;

(iii) REVIEWING THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE MATERIAL ON TRENDS IN CAPACITY AND PRODUCTION.

6. IF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE OTHER POINTS THEY WISH TO PROPOSE FOR CONSIDERATION IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THEY WOULD INFORM ME OF THESE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

7. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND ALSO OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS AT THIS MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME BY 26 NOVEMBER OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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