

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING (1978)¹

1. The TSB held its first meeting on 13-16 February 1978. The Chairman recalled that the Textiles Committee at its meeting on 22 December 1977 decided that the terms of office of present members of the TSB should be extended until such time as the new members would be designated.
2. The TSB had received a notification from Austria informing it of the termination of the bilateral agreement previously concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Egypt. The TSB took note of this notification and agreed to circulate it to the Textiles Committee for information. This has been done in document COM.TEX/SB/291.
3. The TSB took cognizance of a notification of a bilateral agreement concluded between Sweden and Mauritius covering the period 1 November 1977 to 31 December 1978. This notification was made by Sweden in accordance with the decision of the Textiles Committee that actions taken vis-à-vis non-participants in the Arrangement should be notified to the TSB. The text of this agreement was circulated to the Textiles Committee for its information under Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement (COM.TEX/SB/292).
4. The TSB reviewed a series of amendments notified by the United States with respect to its bilateral agreements previously concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Poland, Romania and Haiti. The TSB agreed to circulate these notifications to the Textiles Committee for information and this has been done in documents COM.TEX/SB/293, 294 and 295 respectively. Also received from the United States were notifications concerning the amendment and the extension of its existing Article 4 bilateral textile agreements with India and with Portugal on behalf of Macao. The TSB reviewed these two notifications and agreed to circulate them to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/296 and 297 respectively).

¹Sixty-fifth meeting.

5. The TSB reviewed a notification from Norway concerning a bilateral agreement concluded with Korea for 1977 and 1978. The TSB considered the agreement according to its procedures for Article 4 agreements¹, and noted that it lacked certain provisions for swing. The TSB assumed that Korea had waived its right to swing. The text of the agreement was circulated to the Textiles Committee for its information in document COM.TEX/SB/298.

6. With reference to its recommendation contained in document COM.TEX/SB/283 that consultations should be held between Canada and Hong Kong on bedsheets, the TSB had received reports from both parties and was informed that such consultations were scheduled for 27 February 1978. The TSB therefore concurred in an extension of the time limit and requested a report to be submitted by 31 March 1978 on the results achieved.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.