

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING (1978)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its second meeting on 3, 6 and 7 March 1978. The report of the first meeting was approved and it has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/299.
2. The TSB received a communication from the EEC regarding its three previous bilateral agreements with Egypt, Malaysia and Singapore. These three bilateral agreements were previously notified to the TSB by the EEC under Article 2, paragraph 4 of the Arrangement, pending their formal conclusion when the notifications would be confirmed under Article 4:4.² In its further communication the EEC informed the TSB that the three agreements, though applied on a de facto basis, were never formally concluded and that they had expired on 31 December 1977. In the light of these considerations and the fact that they had not been definitively reviewed nor formally confirmed under Article 4 by the TSB, it was agreed that the text of these agreements would be transmitted to the Textiles Committee under Article 2:4 for information and this has been done in documents COM.TEX/SB/309, 310 and 311.
4. The TSB reviewed four notifications received from the United States of its bilateral textile agreements concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Egypt, Jamaica, Pakistan (for the period 1 January 1978 to 30 June 1982) and Romania (for the period 1 January 1978 to 31 December 1982). The TSB reviewed

¹Sixty-sixth meeting.

²For the TSB's observations see COM.TEX/SB/170, paragraph 6.

these notifications and agreed to circulate their texts to the Textiles Committee for their information, see COM.TEX/SB/312, 303, 300 and 301 respectively.

4. The TSB also 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 Haiti, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The TSB agreed to circulate these notifications to the Textiles Committee for information and this has been done in documents COM.TEX/SB/302, 305, 306 and 304, respectively. Also received from the United States was a notification of the extension, from 1 October to 31 December 1977, of its existing Article 4 bilateral agreement with Korea. The TSB reviewed the notification and agreed to circulate it to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/308). Finally, the TSB took cognizance of a notification of an interim bilateral agreement concluded between the United States and a non-participating country. This notification was made by the United States 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 has been circulated to the Textiles Committee for its information under Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement (COM.TEX/SB/307).