

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

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## Textiles Surveillance Body

### DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING (1978)<sup>1</sup>

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its fifth meeting on 22 and 23 May 1978. At the outset the Chairman advised the members that he had been informed by a communication from the Mission of Finland that Mr. Patek would replace Mr. Hagfors as member of the TSB as from 2 May 1978. He further stated that he had also been informed that Mr. Hagfors would be Mr. Patek's alternate. The following members were present: Messrs. Jayanama, Klaric, Kumar, Patek, Phelan, Shin, Suarez and Terada. The report of the fourth meeting was approved and it has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/322.

2. The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from Austria transmitting a Memorandum of Understanding with Hong Kong concerning a bilateral surveillance system with respect to certain textile products exported from Hong Kong to Austria. The TSB noted that this system supersedes the previous bilaterally agreed restriction under Article 3 on exports of shirts, not knitted, which was previously reviewed by the TSB and circulated to the Textiles Committee in COM.TEX/SB/223. Since this is a bilateral surveillance system, the TSB decided to transmit the text to the participating countries for their information without reference to any specific Article in the Arrangement (see document COM.TEX/SB/323).

3. The TSB considered two notifications received from the United States with respect to its bilateral agreements previously concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Thailand and the Philippines. The TSB, after having reviewed

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<sup>1</sup>Sixty-ninth meeting

the amendments to each of these agreements, agreed to circulate the texts of these communications to the Textiles Committee for information (see COM.TEX/SB/324 and 325).

4. Finally, the TSB took cognizance of the notification of an amendment to 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 amendment has been circulated to the Textiles Committee for its information under Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement (see COM.TEX/SB/326).