

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT ON THE SEVENTH MEETING (1978)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its seventh meeting from 28 to 30 June 1978. At the outset the Chairman informed the members that Mr. Tsao would be taking the place of Mr. Shin until such time as the latter's replacement will arrive in Geneva. Mr. Hyo Hun Shin (Korea) would act as alternate to Mr. Tsao. The following members were present: Messrs. Jayanama, Klaric, Kumar, Patek, Phelan, Suarez, Terada² and Tsao. The report of the sixth meeting was approved and has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/338.
2. The TSB received three notifications from the United States regarding amendments to each of its bilateral textile agreements concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement with Colombia, India and Korea. The TSB reviewed these amendments and agreed to circulate the text of the notifications to the Textiles Committee for information, see COM.TEX/SB/339, 340 and 341, respectively.
3. The TSB took cognizance of the notification of a new cotton, wool and man-made fibre textile 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 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 (see COM.TEX/SB/342).

¹Seventy-first meeting.

²Attendance in part.

4. Pursuant to its request¹ in accordance with Article 11:11, the TSB had received notifications from Brazil and Peru. After reviewing these notifications the TSB agreed to circulate them to the Textiles Committee for the information of the participating countries and this has been done in documents COM.TEX/SB/343 to 344.
5. The TSB, in reviewing notifications received from participating countries on the present status of their restrictions, pursuant to its request in accordance with Article 11:11, noted that a number of participants maintain restrictions on imports of textiles under Article XVIII of the GATT. The TSB further noted that in the case of certain countries the consultations established by the Balance-of-Payments Committee are scheduled to take place late in the year of in the course of 1979. If deemed necessary, the TSB may revert to the notifications received from these countries following the completion of such consultations.
6. The TSB, on re-examining the Annexes of the periodic report from Mexico (see paragraph 4 of COM.TEX/SB/338), felt that further information should be called for in order to revert to this matter.

¹See COM.TEX/SB/319, paragraph 8.