

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

TEX.SB/W/167  
5 March 1979

## Textiles Surveillance Body

### DRAFT REPORT OF THE THIRD MEETING (1979)<sup>1</sup>

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its third meeting from 26 to 28 February 1979. The following members were present: Messrs. de Gouvion St. Cyr<sup>2</sup>, Hamza, Kujirai<sup>3</sup>, Martin, Mills<sup>4</sup>, Phelan<sup>5</sup>, Seng<sup>6</sup> and Suarez.
2. The report of the second meeting was approved, and has been circulated to the Textiles Committee in document COM.TEX/SB/403.
3. In a general discussion of the issues pertaining to the provisions of Article 12, arising from the review of bilateral agreements at this and previous meetings, the TSB noted the importance of handloom fabrics and handmade products thereof to many participating countries, and in this regard drew the attention of all participants to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph 3. The TSB also recalled that in cases where difficulties arose out of the interpretation of these provisions, recourse to Article 12, paragraph 4, was always available to all participants. The TSB is of the view that the effective operation of the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article depends primarily upon those parties concluding agreements thereunder. It remains for the TSB to discharge its responsibilities under the Arrangement, having due regard to the provisions of Article 12:4 and to its established procedure for the review of notifications.

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<sup>1</sup> Eighty-first meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Alternate to Mr. Beck.

<sup>3</sup> Part attendance.

<sup>4</sup> Substitute alternate for Mr. Tsao.

<sup>5</sup> Absent first day.

<sup>6</sup> Alternate to Mr. Valdepenas.

4. The TSB considered two notifications made by the European Community under Article 4:4 of the Arrangement of initialled agreements concluded between the EEC on the one hand, and each of Brazil and Singapore, on the other. The TSB noted that its general observations and recommendations as set out in COM.TEX/SB/330 and 308 will apply to these agreements. With respect to the agreement with Singapore, the TSB further noted that, in the absence of a limit on Category 1 of Group 1 the last part of paragraph 3 of Article 5 of the agreement is inapplicable.
5. After concluding its examination of these two notifications, the TSB agreed to circulate their texts to the Textiles Committee. This has been done in documents COM.TEX/SB/405 and 406.
6. A notification from Sweden of a new bilateral agreement notified under Article 4:4 with Hong Kong, together with an Article 4 notification by the United States of a new agreements concluded with the Philippines, are still under consideration by the TSB.