

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

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DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING (1982)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its fifth meeting of 1982 on 14 and 15 July, under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli.
2. Members welcomed the Chairman on his first meeting. Members also welcomed Mr. J.L. MacNeil (Canada) as member of the TSB and Mr. M. Pullinen (Finland) as his alternate. Present at the meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Messrs. Beck, Delgado, El Gowhari/Bajwa², Hyun/Chau², MacNeil²/Pullinen, Sato, Siraj, and Shepherd.
3. It was noted that since the fourth meeting of the Body four countries (Canada, El Salvador, Jamaica and Romania) had accepted the 1981 Protocol of Extension, bringing the number of signatories to twenty-nine. (The status of acceptances of the 1981 Protocol up to 15 July is contained in documents COM.TEX/27 and Add.1 and 2.)
4. The draft report of the fourth meeting was adopted and has been circulated to participants as COM.TEX/SB/779.

The following subjects were discussed:

Finland/Pakistan

5. The TSB received a notification from Pakistan concerning a new bilateral agreement concluded with Finland under Article 4 of the MFA covering exports of under-shirts, knitted, other than with collars, including T-shirts, valid for the period 1 May 1982 to 31 July 1986. This agreement supersedes the emergency action taken by Finland under Article 3:6.

¹Hundred and thirty fifth meeting overall

²Part-attendance

*English only/Anglais seulement

6. In reviewing this agreement, the TSB heard further reports from the two parties concerned on the follow-up of its recommendations made with respect to the emergency action.¹ The TSB noted that in concluding this agreement the parties concerned had taken account of paragraphs 11 and 12 of the 1981 Protocol of Extension.

7. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit this agreement to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/780).

Finland/Macao

8. The TSB received a notification from Finland concerning a new bilateral agreement concluded with Macao under Article 4 of the MFA. In this agreement new restraints were introduced on two categories from 1 May 1982 to 31 December 1986, while limits were continued on three categories previously under restraint with effect from 1 July 1982 to 31 December 1986. The TSB agreed to transmit this agreement to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/781).

Austria/Thailand

9. The TSB reviewed a notification received from Austria pursuant to Article 7 of the MFA concerning an export surveillance agreement covering woven shirts and blouses concluded with Thailand, and agreed to transmit this notification to the Textiles Committee (COM.TEX/SB/782).

¹The TSB's recommendations are contained in COM.TEX/SB/762 paragraph 11; a first report by the parties concerned is contained in COM.TEX/SB/772 paragraph 6.

Article 11 Notifications

10. The TSB agreed that the Chairman should send letters to all participating countries requesting them to provide information on all restrictions maintained by them on textile and clothing products, in order that the Body may carry out its obligations under Article 11:11, 11:12 and 11:2 of the Arrangement.

Annual Report of the TSB

11. It was agreed that the annual report of the TSB would be prepared in the autumn for submission to the Textiles Committee pursuant to Article 10:4 of the Arrangement. The report should in principle cover the twelve month period 1 November 1981-30 October 1982.

Information requirements

12. The TSB had a further discussion concerning the information to be supplied to it by parties to Article 4 agreements for the purpose of its review of such agreements.