

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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DRAFT REPORT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING

1. The TSB held its eighth meeting of 1975 on 4 - 6 June. The Chairman welcomed Mr Dinzl (Austria) as the occupant of the tripartite seat for the period from 1 May to the end of August. The report of the sixth meeting was approved and has been circulated in document COM.TEX/SB/83.
2. The TSB completed its review of an agreement under Article 3 between Canada and Poland and agreed that it should be circulated to participating countries for information. It has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/84.
3. The following reports under Article 2:4 on the status of restrictive measures were reviewed and it was agreed that they should be circulated. This has since been done. The relevant documents are as indicated:
 - i) Switzerland COM.TEX/SB/85
 - ii) Colombia COM.TEX/SB/86
 - iii) Korea COM.TEX/SB/87
 - iv) Brazil COM.TEX/SB/88
4. The TSB reverted to its earlier discussion on the question of swing and noted the clear right to swing provided for in paragraph 5 of Annex B of the Arrangement. The TSB recognized, however, that the inclusion of swing provisions in bilateral agreements would be a matter for negotiation between the countries concerned. In reviewing bilateral agreements which lacked explicit provision for swing, the TSB would assume, for the purposes of this review, that this right had been waived. When more than one agreement is concluded between a given importing country and a given exporting country, each or any of which covers only one product, it was recognized that the right of the exporting country to swing provisions as between the several agreements remains valid.
5. In discussion of the provision of information under Article 11:2 of the Arrangement, it was agreed that when the TSB, in the exercise of its functions, under this paragraph, seeks supplementary information about trade measures from governments, the material received, with the consent of the governments concerned, should be circulated to all participating countries for their information.
6. It was agreed that the next regular meeting of the TSB should be held on 16 - 18 June 1975.