

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL

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Textiles Surveillance Body

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH MEETINGS

1. The TSB held its fourteenth and fifteenth meeting of 1975¹ on 10 - 11 November and 19 - 26 November respectively. The report of the thirteenth meeting was approved and has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/134.
2. On 23 October it was reported by Australia and the Philippines that in a further series of consultations regarding the unilateral restrictions imposed on certain textile imports from the Philippines under Article 3:5(ii) by Australia, it had proved impossible to reach a mutually acceptable solution. It had been the view of the TSB in its earlier consideration of this case that such further consultations should be held.²
3. The TSB resumed its examination of the case, as required by Article 3:5(iii), on 10 November, when statements were made by representatives from Australia and the Philippines on the course of the consultations held in October. Further information was sought and received from both parties on the development of the trade and the administration of the restrictions.
4. At its meeting commencing on 19 November the TSB considered the case further and on 26 November agreed on its findings and recommendations. These have been circulated to the Textiles Committee as COM.TEX/SB/137 and transmitted to the GATT Council for its information in accordance with the provisions of Article 3:5(iii) as document L/4275.
5. The TSB also reviewed reports under paragraphs 1 and 4 of Article 2 by Malaysia and by Portugal on behalf of Macao. These have been circulated for the information of participating countries as COM.TEX/SB/136 and 135 respectively.
6. The TSB completed its review of compliance with Article 2 of the Arrangement and its annual review of new restrictions and finalised its report on these subjects to the Textiles Committee. This has been circulated as COM.TEX/SB/115/Add.1.
7. It was agreed that the next meeting of the TSB should be held on 1 December 1975.

¹ Twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth meetings.

² See COM.TEX/SB/116.