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Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 1982

Chairman: Mr. T.H. Chau (UK-Hong Kong)

1. The Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices met on 14 June 1982. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss possible contributions to the Ministerial Meeting.
2. The Chairman recalled that, in accordance with the decision of the Committee taken at its meeting of 27 April 1982, he had received written submissions from the delegations of Czechoslovakia (ADP/W/35), Hungary (ADP/W/36) and India (ADP/W/37). He further said that a number of informal consultations had taken place and as a result the delegation of India had submitted a draft proposal concerning a possible contribution to the Ministerial Meeting, which had been circulated to the members of the Committee.
3. The representative of India introduced his draft proposal and explained the underlying problems in relation to the application of the Anti-Dumping Code, which in his view, made it desirable to flag the matter to the Ministers.
4. Representatives of the United Kingdom speaking on behalf of Hong Kong, Egypt, Brazil and Poland supported the substance of the draft proposal and expanded on the implementation problems as they perceived them. Representatives of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania explained the reasons why they considered that the concrete implementation problems they had raised at previous meetings of the Committee and in their respective written submissions (ADP/W/35 and ADP/W/36) were of a general nature and deserved to be discussed in the Committee with a view to resolving them in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Agreement. In this relation the representative of Romania stressed the necessity of elaborating an agreed interpretation to deal with review of price undertaking. As to a possible contribution to the Ministerial Meeting they could go along with the Indian proposal.
5. Representatives of the European Communities, the United States, Canada, Finland and Austria pointed out that the concerns referred to were technical issues, best handled within the Committee, if necessary through its dispute settlement provisions. Concerns over possible non-conformity with the Agreement should be fully examined by the Committee before a decision could be made on their presentation to the Ministers as problems requiring their attention.
6. The representative of Finland proposed that the Committee should follow the example of other Committees and authorize the Chairman to make, on his own responsibility, a factual report to the Preparatory Committee. The observer

for Australia said that concerns regarding the implementation should be examined during the annual review of the operation of the Agreement and then spelled out in the annual report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES which, this year would meet at Ministerial level.

7. The Committee agreed that the Chairman would reply to the invitation of the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for possible contributions to the Ministerial Meeting by a factual note, under his responsibility, based on the elements contained in the draft proposal by India as well as other points which had emerged during the discussion. It was understood that, at its annual review, the Committee would revert to the issues raised by several Parties.