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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 JULY 1994

Chairman: Mr. M. Lindström (Sweden)

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1.	Adoption of Agenda	

- 1. The <u>Chairman</u> noted that the agenda for the present meeting was contained in GATT/AIR/3606.
- 2. The representative of <u>Canada</u> said that his delegation would like to raise, under "Other Business", the procedure for rectification of the Annex on Product Coverage.
- 3. The representative of <u>Poland</u> said that his country would like to make a statement under "Other Business" concerning its decision to seek accession to the Agreement.
- 4. The Agenda was adopted, as amended.
- 5. The Chairman suggested that the Committee first take up the two items under "Other Business" and then turn to the election of officers.

Other Business

- 2. Inclusion of additional products in the Annex on Product Coverage
- 6. The representative of <u>Canada</u> said that in view of the fact a procedure did seem to exist for rectifications to the Annex on Product Coverage, his delegation proposed that the Chairman conduct consultations with Signatories on the most appropriate procedure for including the product "ground maintenance simulators" in the Annex.
- 7. The Chairman agreed that the Chair would undertake to hold such consultations.
- 8. The Committee took note of the statements.

- 3. Poland's decision to seek accession to the Agreement
- 9. The representative of <u>Poland</u>, <u>speaking as an observer in the Committee</u>, advised the Committee that his country had decided to seek accession to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft within the GATT/WTO framework subject to certain transitory arrangements. He said that given the realities of the systemic transition in its economy, Poland would need the cooperation of the Committee in addressing certain specific concerns regarding the terms of its eventual entry. For this purpose, his delegation would seek informal consultations with members of the Committee. Poland hoped that this would be a good and productive process.
- 10. The <u>Chairman</u> said that it was good news to have a new entry knocking on the door. He was certain that delegations would be respond favourably to Poland's request for consultations, and promised the good offices of the Chair of the Committee to assist in this process.
- 11. The Committee took note of the statements.
- 4. Election of Officer
- 12. The Committee elected Mr. M. Abdel-Fattah (Egypt) as Chairman of the Committee to replace Mr. M. Lindström who was soon to leave his post in Geneva.