

Textiles Monitoring Body

REPORT OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING

1. The Textiles Monitoring Body held its nineteenth meeting on 30 September and 1 October 1996.
2. Mr. Peter Berz (European Communities) was appointed Member upon Mr. David Daly's departure, with effect from 25 September 1996. Mr. Peter Berz appointed Mr. John Richards (European Communities) as his alternate.
3. Present at this meeting were the following members, alternates and observer: Ms. Berrig; Messrs. Berz/Richards; Kacar/Radu; Malik; Meemeduma; Saeki; Ms. Shahin; Messrs. Tagliani; Tong; Vanerio; and Wentzel/Saint-Jacques.

Notification under Articles 2.6 and 2.7(b) of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing

4. The TMB reviewed under paragraph 21 of Article 2 the notification made, pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 7(b) of Article 2, by Malta. During this review the TMB noted that, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 2, the volume of products integrated by Malta amounted to 17.3 per cent of 1990 imports of the products falling under the coverage of the Agreement. The TMB also noted that, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 2, the products integrated included products from each of the four groups: tops and yarns, fabrics, made-up textile products and clothing (G/TMB/N/134 and Rev.1).

Report by the TMB

5. The TMB finalized its consideration of, and adopted, its report to the Council for Trade in Goods in the context of the preparation for the Ministerial Conference in Singapore (G/L/113).

Schedule of TMB meetings for 1997

6. In pursuance of a decision adopted by the General Council on 15 November 1995 on the guidelines for scheduling meetings (WT/L/106), the TMB discussed and approved its tentative schedule of meetings for 1997. Meetings are scheduled as follows: 27 to 29 January, 17 to 19 February, 17 to 19 March, 21 to 23 April, 21 to 23 May, 9 to 11 and 23 to 25 June, 7 to 11 and 23 to 25 July, 8 to 10 September, 6 to 8 October, 10 to 12 November and 15 to 17 December.

Discussion on availability of information pertaining to the application of GATT 1994 rules and disciplines

7. In the context of the comprehensive report that the TMB is due to submit to the Council for Trade in Goods in 1997 on the implementation of the ATC during its first stage, the TMB started a discussion related to the availability of information pertaining to the application of GATT 1994 rules and disciplines, as defined in Article 7 of the ATC, and decided to revert to it at its next meeting.