

COMPOSITION OF THE TEXTILES MONITORING BODY

Decision adopted by the General Council on 31 January 1995

The General Council decides as follows:

1. The composition of the Textiles Monitoring Body as set out below is for a period of three years i.e. 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1997.
2. The ten TMB members shall be appointed by the WTO Members designated from the constituencies below. Unless otherwise stated below, the time period for rotation of TMB members within a constituency is to be decided by the constituencies themselves. TMB members may appoint their respective alternates.
 - (a) the ASEAN Member countries (to rotate among themselves);
 - (b) Canada;
 - (c) China** and Pakistan (to alternate with each other);
 - (d) the European Communities;
 - (e) Hong Kong and Korea (to alternate with each other);
 - (f) India and Egypt*/Morocco/Tunisia* (India to alternate with one of the three);
 - (g) Japan;
 - (h) Latin American and Caribbean Member countries (to rotate among themselves; this constituency may appoint a second alternate¹ if it so decides);

¹The second alternate will not rotate with the member or with the first alternate.

* Upon WTO membership.

** In the event that China does not become a WTO Member by 31 December 1995, a WTO Member, to be proposed by the WTO Members that are members of the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau, shall be included in this constituency until such time as China becomes a WTO Member.

- (i) in the first year Norway, Turkey* and Czech Republic/Hungary/Poland*/Romania/Slovak Republic (Norway to have the member); in the second and third years, Turkey*, Switzerland* and Czech Republic/Hungary/Poland*/Romania/Slovak Republic. (Turkey to have the member in the second year, the member for the third year to be decided by the constituency itself.) This constituency may appoint a second alternate, if it so decides;
 - (j) the United States.
3. One of the three constituencies (b), (g) and (j) will include Switzerland* in the first year and, in the second and third years, Norway.
4. There will be a second alternate¹ from a least-developed textile exporting Member in constituency (e).
5. Two non-participating observers will be appointed by Members not already represented by the arrangements in paragraphs 2 and 4, one each being designated from Africa and Asia.
6. The Textiles Monitoring Body will take all its decisions by consensus.²

²As provided for in Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, in case of an unresolved issue under review by the TMB, it is understood that consensus within the TMB does not require the assent or concurrence of members appointed by Members involved in such unresolved issue.