

ANNEX II

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS VALUATION

1. In accordance with Article 18 of this Agreement, the Technical Committee shall be established under the auspices of the Customs Co-operation Council with a view, at the technical level, towards uniformity in interpretation and application of this Agreement.
2. The responsibilities of the Technical Committee shall include the following:
 - (a) to examine specific technical problems arising in the day-to-day administration of the customs valuation system of Parties and to give advisory opinions on appropriate solutions based upon the facts presented;
 - (b) to study, as requested, valuation laws, procedures and practices as they relate to this Agreement and to prepare reports on the results of such studies;
 - (c) to prepare and circulate annual reports on the technical aspects of the operation and status of this Agreement;
 - (d) to furnish such information and advice on any matters concerning the valuation of imported goods for customs purposes as may be requested by any Party or the Committee. Such information and advice may take the form of advisory opinions, commentaries or explanatory notes;
 - (e) to facilitate, as requested, technical assistance to Parties with a view to furthering the international acceptance of this Agreement; and
 - (f) to exercise such other responsibilities as the Committee may assign to it.

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3. The Technical Committee shall attempt to conclude its work on specific matters, especially those referred to it by Parties or the Committee, in a reasonably short period of time.
4. The Technical Committee shall be assisted as appropriate in its activities by the Secretariat of the Customs Co-operation Council.

Representation

5. Each Party shall have the right to be represented on the Technical Committee. Each Party may nominate one delegate and one or more alternates to be its representatives on the Technical Committee. Such a Party so represented on the Technical Committee is hereinafter referred to as a member of the Technical Committee. Representatives of members of the Technical Committee may be assisted by advisers. The GATT secretariat may also attend such meetings with observer status.