The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of an extension of its bilateral agreement with China for the two-year period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993.

The notification was received under Article 4; the TSB, however, decided to forward the text of the notification to participating countries under Articles 7 and 8, as China, which had participated in the Arrangement until 31 July 1991, had not as yet accepted the extension of the 1986 Protocol.

1 The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1412 and 1511.
2 For the TSB's observation, see paragraph 36 of COM.TEX/SB/1647.
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Mr. Li Guodong  
Department Director  
Foreign Trade Administration  
Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade  
Beijing

Dear Mr. Li,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between our two governments, signed 2 February 1988, concerning trade in cotton, wool, man-made fibre, vegetable fibre other than cotton, and silk blend textiles and textile products, as amended (the Agreement), and to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (The Arrangement), done at Geneva on 20 December 1973, as extended by the Protocol of 31 July 1986. I also have the honour to refer to the consultations held between representatives of our governments on 11-12 March in Hawaii on issues related to our bilateral textile trade (the consultations).

As discussed in the consultations, I propose on behalf of the Government of the United States of America that the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

The Agreement Term shall be extended to include the two-year period from 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993. During this two-year period, all provisions of the Agreement, including those provisions regarding base levels, growth rates and flexibility shall be extended without change. The quota year ending 31 December 1993 shall be considered the final year of this Arrangement. Upon adoption of a successor document to the Arrangement, the two Governments will hold consultations in order to discuss the matter of continuation or modification of the Agreement.

If this proposal is acceptable to your Government, then this letter and your Government's letter of acceptance shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

H. Jon Rosenbaum  
Senior Policy Advisor  
Office of the United States Trade Representative
Dear Mr. Rosenbaum,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 23 April 1991 which reads as follows:

"UNITED STATES NOTE"

I wish to confirm that your proposed amendment conforms to the understanding of the Chinese Government. Therefore, your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Li Guodong
Director
Foreign Trade Administration
Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade