REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING (1991)¹

1. The Textiles Surveillance Body held its sixth meeting of 1991 on 7 November.

2. Mr. Donaghy, Ambassador Hagfors, Ms. Rosa and Mr. Somchin appointed Mr. Johannes Potocnik (Austria), Mr. Otto Wentzel (Norway), Mr. Yang Weihong (China) and Mr. Antonio Buencamino (Philippines) as their alternates, respectively.

3. Present at the meeting were the following members and/or alternates: Ms. Deustua/Mr. Prates, Messrs. Donaghy/Potocnik, Hagfors, Ishimaru, Onaner, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Shepherd, Ms. Smadja, Messrs. Somchin and Wong.

4. The report of the fifth meeting has been circulated in COM.TEX/SB/1647.

Annual Report to the Textiles Committee

5. The TSB completed and adopted its annual report to the Textiles Committee.

Notifications under Article 4

United States/Thailand

6. The Textiles Surveillance Body received a notification from the United States of a bilateral agreement concluded with Thailand for the period 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1993. The TSB recalled that the previous agreement between the parties had expired on 31 December 1988, and that in the absence of agreement a number of restraints were put in place under Article 3 in 1989 and 1990.

¹Two hundred and sixty-first meeting overall.

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7. In reviewing this agreement the TSB noted that different data had been taken into consideration in negotiating the base levels, including, (a) the restraint levels in the previous agreement together with the applicable growth rates; (b) the levels of restraints taken or agreed under Article 3; and (c) the 1990 imports.

8. In this agreement:
   a) product coverage included products of cotton, wool, man-made fibre, silk blends and non-cotton vegetable fibres;
   b) a limit on the apparel Group and specific limits on several clothing and non-clothing categories were agreed;
   c) except in five cases, the Group and specific limits were set at levels higher or considerably higher than the levels referred to in paragraph 7 above;
   d) growth rates were set at 6 per cent on all restraints except three non-wool categories and three wool categories, where they were less than 6 per cent;
   e) no swing was possible into or out of the Group limit; for the specific limits, swing was available at 3.5, 5 or 7 per cent;
   f) additional swing was possible for some merged categories;
   g) carryover and carry forward were possible at 11/6 per cent.

9. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notification to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1649)

Amendments of agreements concluded by the EEC and respectively, Argentina, China, Hong Kong, Hungary, Korea, Macau, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Sri Lanka and Thailand

10. The TSB received a number of notifications from the EEC of amendments of agreements concluded with several of its trading partners. Due to the unification of Germany, the EEC increased the 1991 limits of the restraints at the Community level and at the regional level for Germany; in the case of Community restraints, the increases were added to the German shares in those restraints. The uplifts were calculated on the basis of (a) a standard formula or (b) direct imports for consumption in the former German Democratic Republic. The agreements concerned are those with:

   **Argentina** - Three Community limits;

   **China** - Twenty-two limits and three sub-limits at the Community level and four regional limits for Germany;
Hong Kong - Twenty-eight limits and two sub-limits at the Community level;

Hungary - Twenty-five limits and two sub-limits at the Community level;

Korea - Forty-one limits and two sub-limits at the Community level;

Macau - Twenty limits at the Community level;

Peru - Two limits and an additional quantity for one product at the Community level;

Philippines - Twelve limits at the Community level;

Romania - Twenty-six limits and one sub-limit at the Community level;

Sri Lanka - Four limits at the Community level; and

Thailand - Fourteen limits and two sub-limits at the Community level.

11. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notifications to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659 and 1660)

Extension of EEC agreements with Argentina, Hong Kong, Macau and Romania

12. The TSB received four notifications from the EEC of the extension of its bilateral agreements with Argentina, Hong Kong, Macau and Romania. These agreements, which were scheduled to expire on 31 December 1991, were extended for the twelve-month period ending 31 December 1992.

13. The terms of the agreements, as previously amended, remained unchanged.

14. After its review, the TSB agreed to transmit the notifications to the Textiles Committee. (COM.TEX/SB/1661, 1662, 1663 and 1664)

Notifications transmitted under Articles 7 and 8

15. The TSB received several notifications under Article 4 concerning countries which had participated in the Arrangement until 31 July 1991, but had not as yet accepted the extension of the 1986 Protocol. The TSB decided to transmit the notifications as outlined below to the Textiles Committee under Articles 7 and 8. The Body understood that after the acceptance of the 1991 Protocol by any of these countries, it would, at the request of either party concerned in the notification, review any of these notifications under Article 4.
Amendments of EEC agreements with the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Poland

16. The EEC increased 1991 Community quotas and regional quotas for Germany in its bilateral agreements with the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Poland, following the unification of Germany. (COM.TEX/SB/1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, and 1669)

Extension of EEC agreements with Colombia and Mexico

17. The EEC agreements with Colombia and Mexico were extended for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992. (COM.TEX/SB/1670 and 1671)

EEC/Indonesia

18. A restraint was agreed on Category 35 (woven fabrics of synthetic fibres) when imported into Spain for the period 24 April to 31 December 1991. (COM.TEX/SB/1672)

Notifications made under Articles 7 and 8

19. The TSB received four notifications under Articles 7 and 8 of agreements or amendments of agreements. These concerned:

   a) an agreement between the United States and Fiji for the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1992;

   b) an amendment of the EEC/Bulgaria agreement for the period 1 January to 31 December 1991;

   c) an amendment of the agreement between the EEC and the Soviet Union for the period 1 January to 31 December 1991;

   d) an amendment of the Additional Protocol to the Co-operation Agreement between the EEC and Yugoslavia for the period 1 January to 31 December 1991.

20. The TSB agreed to forward these notifications to the Textiles Committee for information. (COM.TEX/SB/1673, 1674, 1675 and 1676)

Notification under Article 3:5

United States/Costa Rica

21. The TSB agreed to invite the United States and Costa Rica to send delegations to the Body's next meeting, when it shall review a unilateral measure taken by the United States under Article 3:5 with respect to imports from Costa Rica of Category 443 (men's and boys' wool suits).