ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Agreement between the United States and Colombia

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States of a further amendment to its bilateral agreement with Colombia, concluded under Article 4 of the Arrangement. 1/

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4:2/, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to the participating countries.

1/ For details of the original agreement and of previous amendments, see COM.TEX/SB/410 and 436.
2/ See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
THE UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA
AMEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Colombia exchanged letters dated January 2, 1980 and January 31, 1980, respectively, to amend the existing bilateral textile agreement. The texts of the letters follow:

UNITED STATES LETTER

January 2, 1980

Dr. Hernando Arciniegas Serna
Sub-Director de Exportaciones
INCOMEX
Calle 28 No. 13A-15
Bogota, D.E.

Dear Doctor Arciniegas:

I refer to the agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Colombia relating to trade in cotton, wool, and man-made fiber textiles, effected by exchange of notes August 3, 1978, as amended (the agreement) and to your letter No. 4936 of September 7, 1979, requesting inter alia an increase in the consultation level for category 312, corduroy.

I am pleased to inform you that my Government agrees with this request. I therefore propose that the agreement be amended to raise the consultation level of category 312, during the 1979 - 1980 agreement year, to 2,500,000 square yards equivalent.
If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Colombia, this letter and your letter of confirmation will constitute an amendment to the agreement.

Sincerely,
/S/ George H. Thigpen
Economic/Commercial Counselor

COLOMBIAN LETTER
(UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION)
January 31, 1980

Mr. George H. Thigpen
Counselor for Economic
and Commercial Affairs
U.S. Embassy
Bogota

Dear Mr. Thigpen:

As regards your letter of January 2 of this year, I wish to inform you that the Government of Colombia accepts and is grateful for your consideration of the offer to raise the consultation level for Category 312 to 2,500,000 square yards during the 1979-1980 agreement year of the Textile Agreement between our two countries.

Therefore this note and your note constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,
/S/ Hernando Arciniegas
Sub-director for exports
INCOMEX