ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Reports on the Status of Restrictive Measures as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11

MEXICO

Attached is a report received by the TSB on the present status of restrictions on trade in textiles maintained by Mexico. This report was submitted in reply to the TSB's request for information in pursuance of Article 11 of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.
LETTER TO CHAIRMAN, TSB FROM MEXICAN DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Mexico City, 17 June 1980

Sir,

In July 1974 the Mexican Government presented to the Textiles Surveillance Body, of which you are Chairman, a full report designed to describe and explain the measures in force to regulate imports of textile products and, in particular, the control mechanism consisting of prior import licensing.

On that occasion, and after having examined the arguments presented by the Government of the United Mexican States, the TSB came to the conclusion that the system in force in Mexico was justified and was consistent with the provisions of Article 2 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, and recommended that in subsequent years, the Mexican Government report on the evolution of its textile industry and on the situation in respect of import controls.

With reference to the report for this year, I should like to state once again, as on the last occasion, that the situation is continuing to deteriorate because of the protectionist measures adopted by other countries which have inhibited sound growth of production and exports to world markets and consequently has also hampered any improvement in the competitive capacity of the Mexican textile industry.
By reason of the foregoing, the control measures in respect of textile imports have not been changed in essence, and in the opinion of the Mexican Government their maintenance is still fully justified.

Nevertheless, and because of the fact that the Mexican Government is currently reviewing the country's protectionist policy, out of 158 textile articles included in the General Import Tariff, corresponding to those covered by Article 12 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, the prior permit requirement was eliminated on twenty-three articles before May 1978 (Annex I), that requirement was eliminated on twelve articles between May and December 1978 and on eighteen in the course of 1979 (Annex II); the 105 remaining articles are still subject to the permit requirement (Annex III). In the view of the Mexican Government this situation reflects an effort of significant importance in the direction of greater liberalization of international trade in textiles.

I would require you to kindly convey the foregoing information to the members of the Textiles Surveillance Body and the Textiles Committee, with the assurance that the Mexican Government will pursue its efforts to contribute to sound and equitable development of international trade in textiles.

Accept, Sir, etc.,

(signed) Abel Garrido Ruiz
### ANNEX I

**Textile Products Already Liberalized**

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<td>Woven fabrics of polyvinyl alcohol textile fibres</td>
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<td>51.04.A.010</td>
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<td>In combed slivers (TOPS) other than hair falling within sub-headings 53.05.A.001 and 003</td>
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<td>58.01.A.001</td>
<td>Carpets, carpeting and rugs of wool, hand-made</td>
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<td>58.02.A.001</td>
<td>Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting and &quot;Kelem&quot;, &quot;Schumacks&quot; and &quot;Karamanie&quot; rugs and the like, made up or not</td>
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<td>Tapestries, hand-made, made up or not</td>
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<td>Woven labels</td>
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<td>Braids and ornamental trimmings and the like, other than the products of sub-heading 53.07.A.002</td>
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<td>Tulle and other net fabrics (but not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics), figured, hand or mechanically made lace, in the piece, in strips or in motifs</td>
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<td>Other embroidery, in the piece, in strips, or in motifs</td>
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<td>Neps, of silk, acetate, viscose rayon or flax</td>
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<td>Slings</td>
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<td>Tracing cloth</td>
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<td>Prepared painting canvas</td>
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<td>Cotton wicks mounted on iron loops</td>
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<td>Other wicks, of woven, plaited or knitted textile materials</td>
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<td>Collars, tuckers, fallals, bodice-fronts, jabots, cuffs, flounces, yokes and similar accessories and trimmings for women's and girls' garments</td>
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<td>61.09.A.001</td>
<td>Brassière cups of regenerated fibre fabric</td>
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<td>Sails of man-made textile fibres</td>
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<td>Pneumatic storage facilities, and pneumatic tents</td>
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ANNEX II

Textile Products Liberalized from June to December 1978

51.01.A.001 Of regenerated fibres
51.01.A.002 Of polyamide or superpolyamide fibres of not more than 30 denier
51.01.A.003 Yarn of polyester fibres, other than falling within sub-heading 51.01.A.011
51.01.A.004 Of polyurethane fibres
51.01.A.005 Of polyolefin fibres
51.01.A.999 Of polyamide or superpolyamide fibres of more than 30 denier but not more than 60 denier, other than falling within sub-heading 51.01.A.012
58.01.A.999 Other carpets, carpeting and rugs, knotted, made up or not
59.02.A.001 Felt, coated with asphalt, pitch or tar and/or added synthetic rubber
59.04.A.001 Cotton rovings
59.04.A.002 Of polyethylene terephthalate treated with latex, cabled but not plaited
59.16.A.002 Of vegetable fibres, endless or cut to length
59.17.A.002 Bolting cloths

Textile Products Liberalized during 1979

59.02.A.003 Felt in cylindrical or rectangular form
59.05.A.999 Other nets and netting made of twine, cordage or rope, and made up fishing nets of yarn, twine, cordage or rope
59.07.A.999 Other textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books and the like; tracing cloth; prepared printing canvas; buckram and similar fabrics for hat foundation and similar uses
59.08.A.001  Adhesive ribbons

59.08.A.999  Other textile fabrics impregnated or coated with preparations of cellulose derivatives or of other artificial plastic materials, and textile fabrics stratified with the same materials

59.09.A.001  Narrow woven fabrics impregnated with oxidized oils

59.09.A.002  Textile fabrics impregnated with preparations with a basis of oxidized oils for use as electric insulating material

59.09.A.999  Other textile fabrics coated or impregnated with oil or preparations with a basis of drying oil

59.11.A.99  Other rubberized textile fabrics other than rubberized knitted or crocheted goods

59.12.A.001  Textile fabrics coated with non-inflammable substances

59.12.A.999  Other textile fabrics otherwise impregnated or coated; painted canvas being theatrical scenery, studio back-cloths or the like

59.17.A.009  Tubular or endless fabrics of artificial plastic material, recognized as being used exclusively in paper-making machinery

60.02.A.001  Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized

60.06.A.002  Elastic knee-caps, ankle-guards and other similar protective articles

61.06.A.001  Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like

61.10.A.001  Gloves, mittens, mitts, stockings, socks and sockettes, not being knitted or crocheted goods

62.05.A.001  Belts for professional uses

63.02.A.002  Waste and scrap of man-made textile fabrics
ANNEX III

MEXICO: Headings in the General Import Tariff for which a Prior Permit is Required

Until 30 June 1980

59.03.A.001 Bonded fibres fabrics, similar bonded yarn fabrics, and articles of such fabrics, whether or not impregnated or coated.

59.06.A.999 Other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, rope or cables, other than textile fabrics and articles made from such fabrics.

59.10.A.001 Linoleum.

59.10.A.999 Other linoleum and materials prepared on a textile base in a similar manner to linoleum, whether or not cut to shape or of a kind used as floor coverings; floor coverings consisting of a coating applied on a textile base, cut to shape or not.

59.15.A.999 Other textile hosepiping and similar tubing.

59.16.A.999 Other transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting, of textile material, whether or not strengthened with metal or other material.

59.17.A.001 Fabrics, felt and woven textile felts, combined with one or several layers of rubber, leather or other material, of a kind commonly used for the manufacture of card clothing.

59.17.A.003 Flat-woven textile felts, whether or not impregnated or coated, of a kind commonly used in paper-making or other machinery, with single or multiple warp and/or weft, other than those of sub-heading 59.17.A.001

59.17.A.004 Tubular-woven or endless textile felts, impregnated, coated or covered, of a kind commonly used in paper-making or other machinery, with single or multiple warp and/or weft.

59.17.A.005 Tubular-woven or endless textile felts, of a kind commonly used in paper-making or other machinery, with warp and/or weft, other than those falling within sub-headings 59.17.A.004 and 009.
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<td>59.17.A.006</td>
<td>Fabrics reinforced with metal, of a kind commonly used in machinery or plant.</td>
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<td>59.17.A.007</td>
<td>Joints, washers, gaskets, diaphragms, discs, sleeves and the like for use in machinery or plant.</td>
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<td>59.17.A.008</td>
<td>Textile articles for use in machinery or plant and other parts of machinery and apparatus, other than articles of sub-heading 59.17.A.007.</td>
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<td>59.17.A.999</td>
<td>Other textile fabrics and textile articles, of a kind commonly used in machinery or plant.</td>
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<td>60.04.A.001</td>
<td>Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized.</td>
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Until 31 December 1980

51.03.A.001 Yarn of textile fibres (continuous), put up for retail sale: of regenerated fibres.

51.03.A.002 Of polyamide or superpolyamide.

51.03.A.003 Of polyester.

51.03.A.004 Of polyurethane.

51.03.A.005 Of polyolefin.

51.03.A.006 Acrylic or modacrylic.

51.03.A.999 Other yarn of textile fibres.

51.04.A.001 Woven fabrics of textile fibres (continuous), including woven fabrics of monofil or strip: of synthetic fibres, unbleached or bleached.

51.04.A.002 Of synthetic fibres, dyed or woven from dyed yarns.

51.04.A.003 Of synthetic fibres, goffered or having undergone any process subsequent to dyeing.

51.04.A.004 Of regenerated fibres, unbleached or bleached.

51.04.A.005 Of regenerated fibres, dyed or woven from dyed yarns.

51.04.A.006 Of regenerated fibres, goffered or having undergone any process subsequent to dyeing.

51.04.A.007 Of synthetic fibres, printed.

51.04.A.008 Of regenerated fibres, printed.

51.04.A.011 Of polyethylene or polypropylene strip.

51.04.A.999 Other woven fabrics of man-made textile fibres (continuous).

53.01.A.001 Sheep's or lambs' wool, not carded or combed: wool with a fibre yield or 75 per cent or less.

53.01.A.002 Wool with a fibre yield exceeding 75 per cent.

53.06.A.001 Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool (woollen yarn), not put up for retail sale.
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<td>Yarn of sheep's or lambs' wool, of horsehair or of other animal hair (fine or coarse), put for retail sale.</td>
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<td>53.11.A.001</td>
<td>Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair.</td>
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<td>Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale.</td>
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<td>Cotton gauze.</td>
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<td>55.08.A.001</td>
<td>Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, of cotton.</td>
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<td>55.09.A.001</td>
<td>Other woven fabrics of cotton, plain or dyed.</td>
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<td>55.09.A.002</td>
<td>Mixed with wool or common goat hair, when containing man-made fibres.</td>
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<td>Other woven fabrics of cotton.</td>
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<td>58.04.A.001</td>
<td>Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton falling within heading No. 55.08 and fabrics falling within heading No. 58.05).</td>
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<td>58.05.A.002</td>
<td>Narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive: with warp and weft of cotton.</td>
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<td>58.05.A.003</td>
<td>Of man-made fibres.</td>
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<td>58.05.A.999</td>
<td>Other narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive, other than goods falling within heading No. 58.06.</td>
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<td>58.06.A.999</td>
<td>Other woven labels, badges and the like.</td>
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<td>Polyurethane yarn gimped with polyamide or polyester textile fibre yarn.</td>
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<td>Other chenille yarn and gimped yarn (other than products of heading No. 52.01).</td>
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58.08.A.001 Tulle and other net fabrics (but not including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics), plain

59.01.A.001 Wadding

59.01.A.999 Other wadding and articles of wadding

59.02.A.002 Felt of wool or of regenerated fibres, or of mixtures thereof, neither impregnated nor coated

59.02.A.004 Felt of wool, animal hair or horsehair, whether or not with a core of jute, other than those falling withing sub-heading 59.02.A.002

59.02.A.999 Other felt and articles of felt

59.04.A.003 Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, of polyethylene or of polypropylene

59.04.A.999 Other twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not

59.05.A.001 Fishing nets

59.11.A.001 Woven fabrics of cotton, other than those coated or impregnated with rubber

59.11.A.002 Fabrics of cotton or of man-made fibres, coated with synthetic rubber on both surfaces

59.11.A.999 Other rubberized textile fabrics, other than rubberized knitted or crocheted goods

59.13.A.001 Elastic fabrics and trimmings (other than knitted or crocheted goods) consisting of textile materials combined with rubber threads. Of man-made fibres (continuous or discontinuous)

59.13.A.999 Other elastic fabrics and trimmings (other than knitted or crocheted goods) consisting of textile materials combined with rubber threads

59.16.A.001 Transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting, of textile material, whether or not strengthened with metal or other material, of man-made fibres

60.01.A.002 Knitted or crocheted fabric, not elastic nor rubberized, in the piece, of man-made fibres

60.01.A.003 Of wool, animal hair or horsehair

60.01.A.004 Of cotton
60.01.A.999 Other knitted or crocheted fabric, not elastic nor rubberized, in the piece

60.03.A.001 Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized

60.05.A.001 Outer-garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized

60.06.A.001 Fabric of cotton

60.06.A.999 Other knitted or crocheted fabric and articles thereof, elastic or rubberized (including elastic knee-caps and elastic stockings)

61.01.A.001 Men's and boys' outer-garments, of man-made fibres, continuous or discontinuous

61.01.A.002 Of wool, animal hair or horsehair

61.01.A.003 Of cotton

61.01.A.999 Men's and boys' outer-garments, other

61.02.A.002 Women's, girls' and infants' outer-garments, of man-made fibres, continuous or discontinuous, made wholly or partly with the fabrics of heading Nos. 58.08 to 58.10

61.02.A.003 Of man-made fibres, continuous or discontinuous, other than those sub-heading 61.02.A.002

61.02.A.004 Of wool, animal hair or horsehair

61.02.A.005 Of cotton

61.02.A.999 Women's, girls' and infants' outer-garments, other

61.03.A.001 Men's and boy's under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs, of man-made fibres, continuous or discontinuous

61.03.A.002 Of cotton

61.03.A.999 Men's and boys' under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs, other
61.04.A.001 Women's, girls' and infants' under garments, of cotton, made wholly or partly with the fabrics of headings Nos. 58.08 to 58.10

61.04.A.999 Women's, girls' and infants' under garments, other

61.05.A.001 Handkerchiefs

61.07.A.001 Ties, bow ties and cravats

61.09.A.999 Other corsets, corset-belts, suspender-belts, brassières, braces, suspenders, garters and the like (including such articles of knitted or crocheted fabric), whether or not elastic

62.01.A.001 Travelling rugs and blankets, of wool, animal hair or horsehair

62.01.A.999 Travelling rugs and blankets, other

62.02.A.001 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen, of man-made fibres

62.02.A.002 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, of cotton or other vegetable fibres

62.02.A.999 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles, other

62.03.A.002 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods of polyethylene or of polypropylene

62.03.A.999 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, other

62.04.A.001 Tarpaulins, awnings and tents

62.04.A.999 Tarpaulins, sails, awnings, sunblinds, tents and camping goods, other

62.05.A.999 Other made-up textile articles (including dress patterns)

63.01.A.001 Clothing, clothing accessories, travelling rugs and blankets, household linen and furnishing articles (other than articles falling within heading No. 58.01, 58.02 or 58.03), of textile materials, footwear and headgear of any material showing signs of appreciable wear and imported in bulk or in bales, sacks or similar bulk packings
63.02.A.001 Rags, of vegetable fibres

63.02.A.999 Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables and worn out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables, other