The TSB has received a notification from the Commission of the European Communities concerning an amendment to the bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the MFA between the EEC and India.  

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of this agreement to participating countries for their information.

1/ The original agreement and previous amendments or modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/382, 427, 542 and 687.

2/ See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.
Sir,

Please refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India signed on 17th February, 1981, and in particular to Art. 16 para.1 thereof which provides that the Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement until December 31, 1982 as well as to the exchange of letters initialled on December 23, 1977.

Given that negotiations for the new Multi-fibre Arrangement have begun, and on the assumption that such a new Arrangement will be concluded, the European Economic Community wishes to propose, in order to ensure continuity and stability of trading conditions, that it now be agreed to extend the Agreement on Trade in Textiles Products between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India until December 31, 1982. The European Economic Community invites the Government of India to confirm its agreement to the foregoing, it being understood that the agreement of both parties shall not prejudice in any manner the stand of the Government of India or of the European Economic Community with regard to the successor Arrangement to the present Multifibre Arrangement.

I also propose that the present letter and the reply of the Government of India shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of India and the European Economic Community.

Horst G. KRENZLER
Sir,

I hereby confirm receipt of the following letter:

"Please refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India signed on 17th February, 1979 and in particular to Art. 16 para. 1 thereof which provides that the Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement until December 31, 1982 as well as to the exchange of letters initialled on December 23, 1977.

Given that negotiations for the new 'Multi-fibre Arrangement' have begun, and on the assumption that such a new Arrangement will be concluded, the European Economic Community wishes to propose, in order to ensure continuity and stability of trading conditions, that it now be agreed to extend the Agreement on Trade in Textiles Products between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India until December 31, 1982. The European Economic Community invites the Government of India to confirm its agreement to the foregoing, it being understood that the agreement of both parties shall not prejudice in any manner the stand of the Government of India or of the European Economic Community with regard to the successor Arrangement to the present Multifibre Arrangement.

I also propose that the present letter and the reply of the Government of India shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of India and the European Economic Community".

2. I confirm my agreement to the content of the foregoing letter and consider therefore that the exchange of letters constitutes an agreement between the Government of India and the European Economic Community.

(B.A. Zutshi)