The following communication has been received by the Director-General from the Italian Permanent Mission for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

I have the honour to inform you that, because of persistent difficulties that are still hampering the Italian cotton textiles industry, the Italian Government and the Government of the Republic of China have renewed for the year 1969 the validity of the agreement on exports of certain cotton textiles from the Republic of China to Italy, the text of which was reproduced in document COT/87/Add.1.

The arrangement for renewal is set forth in the exchange of letters of which I enclose a copy herewith, for notification to the Cotton Textiles Committee.
Letter No. 1

30 December 1968

Excellency,

I refer to the letter of Ambassador Chang Pao-nan of 29 December 1967, and my letter of reply of 8 January 1968, constituting an agreement on exports of cotton textiles, bleached and unbleached, from the Republic of China to Italy for the year of 1968.

As a result of recent consultations held between your Embassy and this Ministry, it is found mutually desirable to renew for another year the validity of the agreement referred to above. All the undertakings of the Government of the Republic of China set forth in the said agreement will continue to be assumed for the year 1969.

This letter and a letter of reply from your Embassy confirming the above understanding will constitute the desired renewal of the agreement referred to above.

(Signed) Garrone

H.E. Ambassador Shao-Chang Hsu,
Embassy of the Republic of China,
Viale di Villa Grazioli 9-11,
Rome.
Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30 December 1968, which reads as follows:

"I refer to the letter of Ambassador Chang Pao-nan of 29 December 1967, and my letter of reply of 3 January 1968, constituting an agreement on exports of cotton textiles, bleached and unbleached, from the Republic of China to Italy for the year of 1968.

"As a result of recent consultations held between your Embassy and this Ministry, it is found mutually desirable to renew for another year the validity of the agreement referred to above. All the undertakings of the Government of the Republic of China set forth in the said agreement will continue to be assumed for the year 1969.

"This letter and a letter of reply from your Embassy confirming the above understanding will constitute the desired renewal of the agreement referred to above."

In reply, I am authorized to confirm that the above understanding for the renewal of the agreement concerned is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of China.

Shao-Chung Hsu
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
of the Republic of China

Mr. Umberto Carrone,
Vice Director-General,
for Commercial Agreements,
Ministry of Foreign Trade,
Rome.