COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE

Long-Term Arrangement Regarding Trade in Cotton Textiles

Annex A and Protocols

Attached is the text of Annex A and of the Protocols relating to the reservations by Canada and the United Kingdom which it is intended shall be annexed to the Long-Term Arrangement and which will be distributed very shortly for the information of the contracting parties to GATT. It should be noted that the wording in Annex A is that proposed by the Technical Sub-Committee in its report (L/1707) to the Cotton Textiles Committee.

PROTOCOL

RELATING TO THE RESERVATION ATTACHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, in accordance with the procedure which was agreed by the Cotton Textiles Committee at its meeting from 29 January to 9 February 1962 and which is set out in paragraphs 32 and 33 of the Record of Understandings reached at that meeting, has attached a reservation to its acceptance of this Arrangement in the following terms:

"In accordance with the procedure agreed by the Cotton Textiles Committee, the Canadian Government enters a reservation to the effect that Canada, as a country which complies with the criteria:

(i) that in the decade preceding the entry into force of the Arrangement it had experienced a substantial contraction in its cotton textile industry, and

(ii) that it was importing a substantial volume of cotton textiles, in particular from the less-developed countries and territories and Japan, in relation to its own production of cotton textiles, accepts no obligation to increase automatically, under the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Annex B of the Arrangement, access to the Canadian market for each item subject to restraint."
"It is nevertheless the intention of the Canadian Government to continue to pursue a policy which, while avoiding disruption of the Canadian market for sensitive cotton textile items, will permit an orderly expansion of the trade in cotton textiles on fair and reasonable terms when market conditions in Canada warrant such increases."

The other parties to this Arrangement have accepted the Canadian reservation and have agreed that the reservation should be included in a Protocol annexed to this Arrangement.

PROTOCOL
RELATING TO THE RESERVATION ATTACHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, in accordance with the procedure which was agreed by the Cotton Textiles Committee at its meeting from 29 January to 9 February 1962 and which is set out in paragraphs 32 and 33 of the Record of Understandings reached at that meeting, has attached a reservation to its acceptance of this Arrangement. The acceptance, together with the reservation, is in the following terms:

"I have to inform you, on the instructions of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland accept the Long-Term Arrangement for cotton textiles drawn up by the Cotton Textiles Committee at its meeting in Geneva from 29 January to 9 February 1962. This acceptance of the Arrangement is in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only and it is not intended by virtue of this acceptance that the rights and obligations of the Government of the United Kingdom under the Arrangement shall apply in respect of any non-metropolitan territories for the international relations of which they are responsible.

"In accordance with the procedure agreed by the Cotton Textiles Committee, I am instructed to enter a reservation to the effect that the United Kingdom, as a country which complies with the criteria:

(i) that in the decade preceding the entry into force of the Arrangement it has experienced a substantial contraction in its cotton textile industry, and

(ii) that it is importing a substantial volume of cotton textiles, in particular from the less-developed countries and territories and Japan, in relation to its own production of cotton textiles, accepts no obligation to increase access to the United Kingdom market under the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article 2 and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Annex B of the Arrangement."
The United Kingdom reservation has been accepted by all the other parties to the Arrangement, except the Government of Pakistan, which has declared that it is unable to accept the reservation. Notwithstanding the procedures set out in paragraph 33 of the Record of Understandings reached by the Cotton Textiles Committee during its meeting from 29 January to 9 February 1962, the other parties to the Arrangement accept the United Kingdom's acceptance of the Arrangement and the reservation as being valid while taking note of the declaration of Pakistan in this connexion.
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Annex A of the Long-Term Arrangement

The text of Annex A will read as follows:

ANNEX A

For purposes of Article 2 the percentages referred to in paragraph 3 thereof shall be:

For Austria 95 per cent
For Denmark 15 per cent
For European Economic Community 88 per cent
For Norway 15 per cent
For Sweden 15 per cent