Exports of Certain Cotton Textiles from the Republic of China (Taiwan), Colombia, Israel and the United Arab Republic to the United States

The United States delegation has notified the Executive Secretary for the information of the Cotton Textiles Committee that, effective 23 June 1962 and until 30 September 1962, the United States Government, pursuant to the Short-Term Arrangement on cotton textiles, has suspended imports of Category 1 cotton textiles from the Governments of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Colombia, Israel and the United Arab Republic. The description of Category 1 is as follows:

Category 1 - Cotton yarn, carded, singles, not ornamented: This pertains to the following United States Government Schedule A components: 3011000 cotton yarn not bleached, carded; and 3021100, cotton yarn bleached, dyed, single, carded.

The following details have been provided by the United States delegation:

**Total United States imports of Category 1 items**

Total imports from all sources in this Category amounted to 15.2 million pounds in the first seven months of the July 1961 Arrangements as compared with 8.7 million pounds during the entire base period. Portugal, the largest supplier of goods in this Category and a participant in the July 1961 Arrangements, has banned all further exports to the United States of such goods. Carded yarn prices in the United States have not yet reflected the increased cost of raw cotton which came into effect a year ago. In spite of this fact, domestic prices of carded yarn in the United States are off 1 to 4 cents a pound from a year ago.

**United States imports of Category 1 items from:**

(a) The Republic of China (Taiwan)

During the first seven months that the July 1961 Arrangements were in effect (October 1961-April 1962) imports from the Republic of China (Taiwan) in this Category amounted to more than 500,000 pounds as against no imports in the twelve months ending 30 June 1961. Of this total, the greater part was imported during the months of March and April alone.

(b) Colombia

During the first seven months that the July 1961 Arrangements were in effect, imports from Colombia in Category 1 amounted to 1.7 million pounds compared with no imports for the twelve months ending 30 June 1961.
(c) **Israel**

During the first seven months that the July 1961 Arrangements were in effect, imports from Israel in this Category amounted to nearly 1.2 million pounds, or 285 per cent of the base year total for the twelve months ending 30 June 1961. Approximately 460,000 pounds were imported during the months of March and April.

(d) **United Arab Republic**

During the first seven months of the July 1961 Arrangements, such imports from the United Arab Republic to the United States amounted to 857,000 pounds, or 124 per cent of the base year total for the twelve months ending 30 June 1961. The impact of this quantity was aggravated by the fact that 580,000 pounds were imported from the United Arab Republic during the months of March and April alone.