COTTON TEXTILE COMMITTEE
Technical Sub-Committee

Redraft of Article 6(b) proposed by the United Kingdom

Article 6(b) would read as follows:

"(b) **Substitution of directly competitive textiles**

It is the intention of the participating countries to prevent the circumvention of this arrangement by the deliberate substitution of cotton by directly competitive fibres, without broadening the scope of this arrangement beyond cotton textiles. Accordingly, where products are subject to restraint under Article 3, if the importing participating country concerned has reason to believe that there has been an abnormal increase in imports of products in which this substitution has taken place solely in order to remove the products from the scope of the definition of cotton textiles in Article 10, the importing participating country may request the exporting country concerned to investigate the matter and consult with the importing participating country concerned with a view to reaching agreement upon measures designed to prevent circumvention of this Arrangement. Such request shall be accompanied by a detailed, factual statement of the reasons and justification for the request. Failing agreement in the consultation within /30/ days of such request, /the importing participating country may decline to accept imports of the product concerned as provided in Article 3 and at the same time/ any of the participating countries concerned may refer the matter to the Cotton Textile Committee which shall make such recommendations to the parties concerned as may be appropriate."