Redraft of Article 6(b) Proposed by the EEC

The paragraph would read:

"(b) Substitution of directly competitive textiles

The participating countries recognize that disruption of the cotton textiles market may result from exports of products composed partly or wholly of fibres other than cotton and which can be directly substituted for cotton products. They recognize that such deliberate practices may lead to circumvention of the provisions of this arrangement. If an importing country finds that a situation of this kind exists on its market and has reason to believe that the said situation has been provoked intentionally, it may request the exporting country concerned to investigate the matter in the relevant industrial sectors and to consult with it 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 [50] [60] days of such request, the importing participating country may decline to accept imports of the product concerned, in pursuance of Article 3. It is not the intention of the participating countries to broaden the scope of this arrangement through the above provisions; the participating countries agree that the said provisions may only be invoked validly in the event of disruption or threat of disruption to the cotton textiles market."