The following redraft takes account of amendments agreed by the Committee on 7 February.

**Article 6**

The participating countries agree to avoid circumvention of this Arrangement by trans-shipment or re-routing, substitution of directly competitive textiles and action by non-participants. In particular, they agree on the following measures:

(a) **Trans-shipment**

The participating importing and exporting countries agree to collaborate with a view to preventing circumvention of this Arrangement by trans-shipment or re-routing and to take appropriate administrative action to avoid such circumvention. In cases where a participating country has reason to believe that imports shipped to it from another participating country and purporting to have originated in that country did not originate there, it may request that country to consult with it with a view to assisting in the determination of the real origin of the goods.

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

It is not the intention of the participating countries to broaden the scope of this Arrangement beyond cotton textiles but, when there exists a situation or threat of market disruption in an importing country in terms of Article 3, to prevent the circumvention of this Arrangement by the deliberate substitution for cotton of directly competitive fibres. Accordingly, if the importing participating country concerned has reason to believe that imports of products in which this substitution has taken place have increased abnormally, that is that this substitution has taken place solely in order to circumvent the provisions of this Arrangement, that country may request the exporting country concerned to investigate the matter and to consult with it with a view to reaching agreement upon measures designed to prevent such circumvention.
Such request shall be accompanied by a detailed, factual statement of the reasons and justification for the request. Failing agreement in the consultation within 30/60 days of such request, the importing participating country may decline to accept imports of the products concerned as provided for in Article 3 and, at the same time, any of the participating countries concerned may refer the matter to the Cotton Textiles Committee which shall make such recommendations to the parties concerned as may be appropriate.

(c) Non-participants

The participating countries agree that, if it proves necessary to resort to the measures envisaged in Article 3 above, the participating importing country or countries concerned shall take steps to ensure that the participating country's exports against which such measures are taken shall not be restrained more severely than the exports of any country not participating in this Arrangement which are causing, or threatening to cause, market disruption. The participating importing country or countries concerned will give sympathetic consideration to any representations from participating exporting countries to the effect that this principle is not being adhered to or that the operation of this Arrangement is frustrated by trade with countries not party to this Arrangement. If such trade is frustrating the operation of this Arrangement, the participating countries shall consider taking such action as may be consistent with their law to prevent such frustration.

1 The representative of Japan reserved, for the time being, the position of his delegation on the words: "the importing participating country may decline to accept imports of the products concerned as provided for in Article 3 and, at the same time,".