ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement
between the United States and the Dominican Republic

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment of the Article 4 bilateral agreement between the United States and the Dominican Republic. A new specific limit was established for Category 644 (man-made fibre suits, WGI), beginning 1 December 1983. The limit superseded the unilateral measure introduced by the United States under Article 3:5.

1The original bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/970. For the TSB's recommendations on the unilateral measure see COM.TEX/SB/947. See also COM.TEX/SB/978 and 983.

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84-2330
November 8, 1984

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue De Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the amendment of bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Dominican Republic.

This amendment establishes a new specific limit for Category 644 (man-made fiber suits for women, girls and infants). Members will recall from the review conducted by the TSB at its sixth meeting of 1984 that the United States had requested consultations with respect to this category under article 3 of the arrangement and had invoked the procedures of Article 3.5 to establish a unilateral limit on this category when those consultations were not successful.

A comparison of the unilateral restraint and the restraints agreed to in the context of the U.S.-Dominican Republic bilateral agreement is shown below:
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Swing is set at seven percent; carryover/carryforward at 11/7 percent.

The United States believes that this agreement is in full accordance with the recommendation of the TSB at its aforementioned sixth meeting of 1984.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counselor
United States and Dominican Republic
Amend Bilateral Textile Agreement

The United States and the Dominican Republic amended their bilateral textile agreement by exchange of notes dated September 24 and October 3, 1984, respectively. Texts of the notes follow:

United States Note

Washington
September 24, 1984

His Excellency
Carlos Despradel
Ambassador of the Dominican Republic

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, with annexes, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and extended by protocol on December 22, 1981 (the Arrangement) and to the Agreement between the Dominican Republic and the United States of America relating to trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products effected by exchange of notes in Santo Domingo on
December 30, 1983 (the Agreement). I also have the honor to refer to consultations between representatives of our Governments in Washington, D.C. on September 20 and 21, 1984 concerning the export of man-made fiber suits for women, girls and infants (Category 644) from the Dominican Republic to the United States.

I have the honor to propose, on behalf of my Government, that the Agreement be amended as follows:

Annex B shall be amended to include Category 644, as follows:

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-- For Category 644 there shall be no carryover available in the first six-month period.

If this proposal conforms with the understanding of the Government of the Dominican Republic, this Note and Your Excellency's Note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Dominican Republic shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.
Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State:
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NOTE

Washington
October 3, 1984

His Excellency
George P. Shultz
Secretary of State

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note, dated September 24, 1984, submitting for consideration by the Government of the Dominican Republic a proposed amendment to the textile agreement between the United States of America and the Dominican Republic, pursuant to consultations carried out by both governments in Washington, D.C. on September 20 and 21, 1984, concerning the export of suits for women, girls, and infants (Category 644) from the Dominican Republic to the United States.

In this regard, I wish to inform you, on behalf of the Government of the Dominican Republic, that the aforementioned proposed amendment has been approved in the form and terms in which it appears in the note in question.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest considerations.

[Signature]

Carlos Despradel
Ambassador