ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Letter Concerning Measure Taken Under Article 3:5

Letter from China

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a letter received from China concerning the unilateral measure taken by the United States on imports from China of luggage (Category 670L).
Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you very much for your letter of 5 February 1986, inviting China to be present at the meeting of the TSB scheduled for 19-21 February 1986 to assist in its examination of a restraint by the United States on imports of luggage (category 670L) from China.

It is the view of the Chinese Government that, according to definition given by the MFA, luggage is by no means covered by the Arrangement, and as a matter of fact, category 670L is not included in the Sino-U.S. Bilateral Textile Trade Agreement. The unilateral restriction imposed by the United States on imports of luggage from China by invoking provisions of the MFA is untenable. Such restriction should be immediately rescinded.

Therefore, the Chinese Government is not prepared to send representatives from its capital to participate in the meeting. However, the Chinese Government hopes that the views expressed above can be fully taken into consideration by the TSB.

With the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours

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