ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Extension of Bilateral Agreement between
the United States and the Philippines

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States concerning a three-month extension of its bilateral agreement with the Philippines.

1. The original agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/904, 905, 1172 and 1228.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue De Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of a three-month extension of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Philippines. The extension was agreed to in order to facilitate continuing consultations on a new bilateral. These consultations have now been concluded and the new bilateral agreement agreed to therein will be notified to the Body following the exchange of formal notes.

In the meantime, copies of the notes giving effect to the three-month extension are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister Counsellor

Enclosure
January 7, 1987

UNITED STATES AND PHILIPPINES AMENDS BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Philippines amended their bilateral textile agreement on December 5 & 16, 1986. Texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

December 5, 1986

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Philippines relating to trade in textiles and apparel effected by exchange of notes on November 24, 1982, as amended, and to ongoing consultations regarding the renegotiation of the Agreement.

In recognition of the need to maintain continuity in trade, the Government of the United States proposes a three month extension to the Agreement. Under this extension, the 1986 levels for all specific limits, consultation levels and the aggregate, would be prorated for the three month period starting on January 1, 1987 and ending March 31, 1987.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Philippines, this note and the Government of the

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Philippines' note of acceptance shall constitute an amendment under the Agreement.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
Manila, December 5, 1986

PHILIPPINE NOTE

December 16, 1986

His Excellency Stephen W. Bosworth
Ambassador
Embassy of the United States of America
Manila

Dear Ambassador Bosworth:

On behalf of the Philippine government, we are accepting the US proposal as contained in Diplomatic Note No. 804 dated 5 December 1986, to extend the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Philippines relating to trade in textiles and apparel effected by exchange of notes of 24 November 1982, as amended, for a period of three months starting on 1 January 1987 and ending on 31 March 1987. This extension shall ensure continuity in trade, pending the conclusion of a new Agreement in January 1987.

Under this extension, the 1986 levels for all specific limits, consultation levels and the aggregate shall be prorated for the three-month period.

It is understood that Diplomatic Note No. 804 and this letter of acceptance shall constitute an amendment under the current agreement.

Thank you for your usual support and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

JOSE B. CONCEPCION, JR.
Minister