Attached is a notification received from Canada of an extension of its agreement with Mauritius for the period 1 January to 31 December 1991. This notification has been made pursuant to the request by the Textiles Committee that agreements with non-participants be notified.
Mr. Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to Articles 7 and 8 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the MFA) done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 and to the Protocol extending the MFA, done at Geneva on July 31, 1986, I have the honour to notify you that the term of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Canada and the Government of Mauritius relating to the export from Mauritius of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada has been extended for one year to expire on December 31, 1991.

The restraint levels for the year 1991 have been advanced by the growth rate found within the original MOU. All other terms and conditions of the MOU remain intact. A copy of the exchange of diplomatic notes, to this effect, is attached.

The Government of Canada believes this agreement conforms with the provisions of the MFA and its Protocol of Extension.

Yours sincerely,

John Gero
Counsellor
Canadian authorities note that the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (or MFA), which forms the basis of Canada's policy for textile and clothing imports, is due to expire on July 31, 1991. Discussions are currently under way in the Uruguay Round of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations to develop modalities that would permit the integration of trade in textiles and clothing into a strengthened GATT. The outcome of these negotiations may not be known until December, 1990. It is likely that for logistical reasons the transition mechanism may not enter into force until January 1992.

Mauritius is a major supplier of certain textiles and textile products to Canada; the conditions that gave rise to the MFA remain. The MFA has operated smoothly since its
signature, providing certainty and predictability to Mauritian exporters and to Canadian importers.

Mauritian authorities will appreciate that Canada cannot afford to allow a gap in restraints prior to the entry in force of the transitional mechanism following the expiry of the MFA. In these circumstances, Canadian authorities propose, pursuant to Article 33 of the MOU, that the expiry date of the MOU be extended to December 31, 1991. The restraint levels for the calendar year 1991 would be the levels for 1990, increased by six (6) percent. All other terms and conditions would remain unchanged.

Given the sensitivity of these industries, Canadian authorities would appreciate an early response from Mauritian authorities.

The Canadian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Mauritius the assurances of its highest consideration.

The High Commission of Mauritius presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs of Canada and with reference to Note No. 138 from the Canadian Embassy in the United States of America concerning the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Mauritius relating to the Export from Mauritius of certain Textile Products for Import into Canada (MOU), has the honour to inform the Department of External Affairs that the Government of Mauritius is agreeable to the proposal of the Canadian Government to extend the Memorandum of Understanding which expires on 31st December, 1990, for a period of one year with a 6% increase in 1990 restraint levels.

The High Commission of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of External Affairs of Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C.
September 7, 1990