ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between
the EEC and India

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the EEC of an amendment of its agreement with India. The EEC increased the 1991 quotas in order to take into account the unification of the German Democratic Republic with the Federal Republic of Germany.

1The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1401, 1402, 1470 and 1561.
Dear Ambassador,

Pursuant to Article 4.4 of the Arrangement, I enclose herewith a copy of the Exchange of Notes between the European Economic Community and India amending the bilateral Agreement on trade in textile products in order to take into account the unification of the German Democratic Republic with the Federal Republic of Germany.

Yours sincerely,

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NOTE VERBALE

The Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities presents its compliments to the Mission of the Republic of India and has the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Community and India on trade in textile products initialled on 31 October 1986 and to the Commission's Note Verbale of 2 October 1990 concerning the German unification.

The Directorate-General has the honour to inform the Mission that, due to the unification of the German Democratic Republic with the Federal Republic of Germany, the Community, in spite of the fact that there are no legal obligations under the GATT or MFA, decided for 1991 an increase of the quantitative limits stipulated in the bilateral Agreement between the Community and India. The uplifts are calculated on the basis of a standard formula, taking also into account direct imports for consumption in the former German Democratic Republic. These uplifts, to be added to the German shares, and the revised EEC quantitative limits are annexed to this Note Verbale.

The Directorate-General would remind the Mission of India that, in contrast to the import regime in the former German Democratic Republic, textile products not covered by restraints under the above mentioned Agreement may now be freely imported in accordance with the provisions of that Agreement.

A revision of the quantitative limits implies an amendment of the bilateral Agreement, and in order to implement this amendment, the Directorate-General for External Relations would appreciate if the text of this Note Verbale would be confirmed by the Mission.

The Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Mission of the Republic of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

Brussels,

Mission of the Republic of India

to the European Communities

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India: Adjustment for German unification - 1991

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Subject: East German Quota Uplift

Dear Mr. Sims,

Please refer to the Commission's Note Verbale No. 007929 dated 3.5.91 on the above mentioned question.

I have been instructed by my Government to accept, under protest, the uplift offered vide your earlier Note Verbale No. 001621 dated 25.1.91. We hope we shall be able to persuade you later to increase your offer. In the meantime, the Indian export authorities for their part would be operating the German quota on the basis of figures which reflect the quantities communicated vide your Note Verbale No. 001621 dated 25.1.91.

Yours sincerely,

(A.K. Pandey)
Counsellor (EEC)