ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the bilateral agreement between the EEC and Sri Lanka

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the EEC of an amendment of its agreement with Sri Lanka. 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.¹

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1350.
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 Sri Lanka 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 Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and has the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Community and Sri Lanka on trade in textile products Initialled on 31 May 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 Sri Lanka. 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 Sri Lanka 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 Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Sri Lanka: Adjustment for German unification - 1991

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The Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Commission of the European Communities presents its compliments to the Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale No. 001622 dated 25th January, 1991, despatched to the Mission concerning the uplift in the German share for Sri Lanka under the agreement between the Community and Sri Lanka on Trade in Textile Products following the German unification.

The Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has the honour to inform the Commission of the European Communities that the Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka confirms the text of the Note Verbale as acceptable to Sri Lanka.

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

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