ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Modification of the bilateral agreement between the EEC and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the EEC of a further modification of its bilateral agreement with Hong Kong. Inter-regional swing has been increased for the 1992 agreement year.

The bilateral agreement, previous modifications and extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1372, 1560, 1652 and 1662.

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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 Hong Kong amending the bilateral Agreement on trade in textile products. The percentage of inter-regional transfers is now fixed at a higher level than previously i.e. 40% instead of 8%.

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 Special Representative of Hong Kong to the European Communities and has the honour to refer to the Agreement on Trade in Textile products between the Community and Hong Kong initialled on 2 October 1986 and applied since 1 January 1987, as amended by the Exchange of Letters initialled on 16 July 1991.

With reference to paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned Exchange of Letters, the Directorate-General has the honour to inform the Special Representative that it is now in a position to propose the following paragraph:

"The percentage of transfers between regional quota-shares referred to in Article 12 of the Agreement for the year 1992 shall be of 40%.

It is understood that if, as a result of the application of the above percentage, serious difficulties, following significant changes in the pattern of trade, occur in certain regions of the Community, both Parties shall hold consultations without delay with a view to remedying the situation."

The Directorate-General for External relations would be grateful if the the Special Representative would confirm his acceptance of the above adaptation of the Agreement, as agreed at the time of initialling of the said Exchange of Letters.

The Directorate-General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Representative of Hong Kong to the European Communities the assurance of its highest consideration.

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