ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Communication on recommendation made on matter reviewed under Article 11:5

Hong Kong/United States

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from Hong Kong concerning the bilateral consultations recommended by the TSB on the question of the categorization of certain products under the Hong Kong/United States agreement.¹

¹The recommendation is contained in TEX.SB/W/556.
Geneva, 15 May 1992

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Dear Ambassador

I have been asked by my authorities to inform you that, pursuant to the recommendations of the Textiles Surveillance Body on the matter brought by Hong Kong under Article 11:5 of the Arrangement, the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of the United States of America have now agreed to resume bilateral consultations on 27-28 May in Hong Kong.

While Hong Kong is fully prepared to resume bilateral consultations at an early date, my authorities regret that a mutually convenient date before the deadline set out in the recommendations of the Textiles Surveillance Body could not be found. My authorities also regret that trade will continue to be disrupted until a mutually satisfactory agreement consistent with the provisions of the Hong Kong/US bilateral textiles agreement and the Multi-fibre Arrangement could be reached. It is the hope of my authorities that a fuller report could be made to the Textiles Surveillance Body shortly after the consultations.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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