ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between
Canada and China

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of an extension of its bilateral agreement with China for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.

1The bilateral agreement and a previous amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1390 and 1460.

*English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Further to my note of 30 December, 1991, and pursuant to (i) Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA), done at Geneva on December 20, 1973; (ii) the Protocol extending the MFA, done at Geneva on July 31, 1986; and (iii) the Protocol Maintaining in Force the MFA, done at Geneva on July 31, 1991, I have the honour to notify you that, through bilateral negotiations, an extension to the existing Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between the Governments of Canada and the People's Republic of China. The relevant exchange of diplomatic notes is attached.

Exports to Canada of the Chinese products covered by the Memorandum of Understanding are subject to restraint through December 31, 1992. Otherwise, the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, including those relative to growth rates and flexibility, remain unchanged.

As noted in the exchange of diplomatic notes, this extension is without prejudice to any agreement which may be reached as a result of the current Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

John F. Donaghy
Counsellor
June 27, 1991

H. E. Mr. Fred Bild
Ambassador
The Canadian Embassy
Beijing

Dear Mr. Ambassador Bild:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of May 22, 1991 which reads as follows:

"The purpose of this letter is to propose an amendment to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Canada and China relating to the import from the People's Republic of China of certain textiles and textile products into Canada. This document was initialled by the representatives of the two governments on March 7, 1987 and referred to the arrangements regarding international trade in textiles (MFA), signed at Geneva on December 20, 1973 as extended by the Protocol of July 31, 1986. This proposed amendment follows recent consultations between representatives of our respective governments on March 25 and 26, 1991, in Beijing.

As discussed during the consultations, I hereby propose on behalf of Canada that the MOU be amended as follows: its Term is to be extended to include the one-year period from January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1992. During this period, all provisions of the MOU, including those provisions regarding base levels, growth rates and flexibility, shall be extended without change. The year ending December 31, 1992, shall be considered the final year of the MOU.

If you agree, this proposal and your letter of acceptance shall constitute the amendment to the MOU."
I wish to confirm that your proposed amendment conforms to my understanding. Therefore, your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute the amendment to the MOU. However, I would mention that the MOU may be modified through mutual consultations according to the result of the multilateral trade negotiations concerning the Multi-Fiber Arrangement.

Sincerely,

Shen Jueren
Vice Minister
Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade of the People’s Republic of China
May 22, 1991

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I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Bild
Ambassador