ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between
Canada and the Dominican Republic

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of an extension of its bilateral agreement with the Dominican Republic for the period 1 January to 31 December 1992.¹

¹The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1608.

*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 Dominican Republic. The relevant exchange of diplomatic notes is attached.

Exports to Canada of the Dominican Republic 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,

John F. Donaghy
Counsellor
DIPLO NOT NO.SUB-ECO-26779 DATED 20DEC91

QUOTE THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVISES RECEIPT OF YOUR NOTE NO.037/91 DATED 06NOV91 WHICH PROPOSES THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE EXPORT OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BE EXTENDED TO 31DEC92.

2. THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THAT IT ACCEPTS THE TERMS EXPRESSED IN THE ABOVE DATED NOTE WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO EXTEND THE REFERRED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY WHICH YR NOTE AND THE PRESENT, CONSTITUTES AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

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Text of Canadian Embassy, Caracas, Note of November 6, 1991

"... and has the honour to propose that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Dominican Republic relating to the export from the Dominican Republic of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU) be extended to December 31, 1992.

At present, Canada has reached extension agreements without changes (i.e. simple roll-overs) with exporting countries representing over eighty percent of its imports of textiles and clothing. The expiry of the current MOU at the end of this year continues to cause considerable uncertainty in the textile and clothing industries in both Canada and the Dominican Republic. In order to minimize such uncertainty in trade in textiles and clothing between the Dominican Republic and Canada, Canadian authorities reiterate their proposal that the MOU governing bilateral textile trade between Canada and the Dominican Republic be extended for a period of one year, until December 31, 1992. This extension would apply to all terms and conditions contained in the current MOU, including growth rate and flexibility provisions. The extension will be without prejudice to any changes which may be negotiated in the Uruguay Round governing textile trade beyond 1991...."