ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between
Canada and Malaysia

Note by the Chairman

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

The bilateral agreement and previous amendments are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1360, 1427 and 1647 (transmitted under Articles 7 and 8).

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

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 Malaysia. The relevant exchange of diplomatic notes is attached.

Exports to Canada of Malaysian 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. Dornoff,
Counsellor
N.27/99

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission and with reference to the latter's note of 12th September, 1991 regarding the proposal to extend the Bilateral Textile Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Canada till December 31, 1992, wishes to inform that the Government of Malaysia is agreeable with the proposal to extend the Bilateral Textile Agreement for a period of one year, until December 31, 1992. The extension would apply to all terms and conditions contained in the current Memorandum of Understanding, including growth rates and flexibility provisions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Canadian High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Wisma Putra,
Kuala Lumpur.
11th November, 1991
No. 5927/91

The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to its note 5526 of September 12, 1991, regarding international trade in textiles. The Canadian High Commission has the further honour to notify the Ministry that given the extension of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, as well as the decision of the GATT Textiles Committee to extend the arrangement regarding the international trade in textiles (the Multi Fibre Agreement) until December 31, 1992, and as a result of requests by importers and by exporting countries, the Government of Canada has decided to postpone the implementation of the classification of categories based on the Harmonized System until January 1, 1993.

The Canadian High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

KUALA LUMPUR

October 31, 1991
The Canadian High Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia and has the honour to refer to our note No. 1213 dated March 1, 1991, which proposed that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of Malaysia relating to the export from Malaysia of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada (MOU) be extended to December 31, 1992.

Given the decision of the GATT Textiles Committee to extend the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (Multi Fibre Agreement) until December 31, 1992, the expiry of the current MOU at the end of this year is causing considerable uncertainty in the textile and clothing industries in both Canada and Malaysia. In order to minimize any uncertainty in trade in textiles and clothing between Malaysia and Canada, and given the need to maintain protection for the domestic textile industry in Canada, Canadian authorities wish to re-iterate their proposal that the MOU governing our bilateral textile trade 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 rates 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.
The Canadian authorities would appreciate an early response to this proposal.

The Canadian High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

September 12, 1991