ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 11:4 and 11:5

El Salvador/United States

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from El Salvador referring under Article 11:4 and 11:5 the request for consultations by the United States under Article 3, with respect to Category 340/640.
Excellency:

This is to inform you that on April 21, 1994 the Government of the United States made a call to the Government of El Salvador in Categories 340/640 (men's and boy's cotton and manmade fiber shirts), pursuant to Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (Multifiber Agreement).

Following the call the two Parties held consultations on the 26 and 27 of May, 1994 and again on the 23 and 24 of June, 1994. It was, and remains, the position of the El Salvadoran Government that the United States' Government's call and its accompanying Market Statement did not adequately justify market disruption or, the threat thereof, in terms consistent with Article 3 of the Multifiber Agreement. In absence of a mutually satisfactory conclusion, the consultations were terminated.

The United States has not withdrawn the call and therefore, the Government of El Salvador brings the matter to the Textiles Surveillance Body pursuant to Article 11 paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Multifiber Agreement.

In view of the uncertainties that the maintenance of the call is having on its export trade, the Government of El Salvador would appreciate an early examination of the case, if possible by July 14, 1994.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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