The attached notification received from the United States Mission concerns an amendment to the bilateral agreement covering certain textile products between the United States and Mexico.

*For details of the agreement see COM.TEX/SB/441.

English only/Anglais seulement.
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the further amendment of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Mexico. The original bilateral agreement and prior amendments have been notified and circulated as COM.TEX/SB/441 and 618.

This particular amendment increases the consultation levels for three categories for the 1980 agreement year. The categories concerned are: category 341 (cotton blouses); category 345 (cotton sweaters); and category 436 (woolen dresses).

Enclosed hereto are copies of the letters giving effect to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Enclosures
December 11, 1980

Mr. Florencio Acosta Burgunder
Charge' d'Affaires, ad interim
Embassy of Mexico
2829 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Acosta:

I refer to the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, effected by exchange of notes February 26, 1979 as amended ("the Agreement"), and to your letters of November 13 and 17, 1980 in which you request on behalf of the Government of Mexico that the consultation level for Category 436 be increased by 30 percent to a level of 130,000 SYE for the 1980 Agreement Year, and that the consultation levels for Categories 341 and 345 be increased by 13% to levels of 1,130,000 SYE and 791,000 SYE respectively for the 1980 Agreement Year.

I am pleased to inform you that my Government agrees to this request, and that your letter and this reply thereto constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Harry Kopp
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Trade and Commercial Affairs
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Mr. Donald McConville  
Chief Textiles Division  
Department of State  
Room 3333  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Mr. McConville,

In reference to our letter dated November 13, 1980 in which we request that the consultation level on three categories (341, 345, 436) be increased by 13% of the present level, we would like to modify the level -- for category 436 by raising it to 30% due to the fact that the previous level requested was insufficient.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

Florencio Acosta  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Mr. Donald McConville
Chief Textile Division
Department of State
Room 333

Dear Mr. McConville,

With reference to our bilateral agreement on textiles, we wish to bring to your attention that on categories 341, cotton blouses not knitted; 345, cotton sweaters; and 436, which includes woolen dresses we have reached levels of exports of over 70%. Therefore, we wish to request that for the time being consultation levels be increased by 13% of the present levels, and if necessary, Mexico would request an additional increase later on for the 1980 agreement year.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Florencio Acosta
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.