Attched is a notification received from the Commission of the European Communities concerning an amendment to the bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 of the MFA between the EEC and India. The amendment relates to the extension of the agreement until 31 December 1982.

The original agreement and previous amendments or modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/382, 427, 542 and 687.

*English only/Anglais seulement*
Dear Mr Ambassador,

In connection with the agreement on trade in textile products signed on 17th February between the European Economic Community and India, I am required to inform you that the two parties have agreed to extend the validity of the agreement to 31st December 1982.

The exchange of letters giving effect to this extension is herewith notified as a modification of the agreement in the sense of Article 4:4 of the Arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Sir,

Please refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India signed on 17th February, 1981, and in particular to Art. 16 para 1 thereof which provides that the Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement until December 31, 1982 as well as to the exchange of letters initialled on December 23, 1977.

Given that negotiations for the new Multi-fibre Arrangement have begun, and on the assumption that such a new Arrangement will be concluded, the European Economic Community wishes to propose, in order to ensure continuity and stability of trading conditions, that it now be agreed to extend the Agreement on Trade in Textiles Products between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India until December 31, 1982.

The European Economic Community invites the Government of India to confirm its agreement to the foregoing, it being understood that the agreement of both parties shall not prejudice in any manner the stand of the Government of India or of the European Economic Community with regard to the successor Arrangement to the present Multifibre Arrangement.

I also propose that the present letter and the reply of the Government of India shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of India and the European Economic Community.

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Horst G. KRENZLER
May 11, 1981

Sir,

I hereby confirm receipt of the following letter. "Please refer to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India signed on 17th February, 19...and in particular to Art16 para 1 thereof which provides that the Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement until December 31,1982 as well as to the exchange of letters initialled on December 23,1977.

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I also propose that the present letter and the reply of the Government of India shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of India and the European Economic Community."

2. I confirm my agreement to the content of the foregoing letter and consider therefore that the exchange of letters constitutes an agreement between the Government of India and the European Economic Community.

(B.K.Zutshi)

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