Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles

Report on the status of restrictive measures as requested by the TSB in accordance with Article 11.

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a report received by the TSB from Romania concerning the present status of its restrictions on trade in textiles and clothing. This report has been submitted in accordance with Article 11 of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.

1/ See COM.TEX/SB/691, paragraph 12.

2/ The previous report by Romania is contained in COM.TEX/SB/605/Add.16. The TSB's observations on restrictions maintained by participating countries in 1980 are contained in its report to the Textiles Committee for the major review of the MFA (COM.TEX/SB/610 and Addenda 1-4).

*English only/Anglais seulement.
Sir,

With reference to your letter of 1 July 1981 I have the honour to transmit to you the following communication from the Romanian authorities.

"In Romania there are no import quotas for textile products, nor does Romania apply any import licensing that would have an effect equivalent to that of quantitative restrictions.

The object of the import licensing system applied in Romania is to verify implementation of the foreign trade plan; the licences are the same for all imported goods, irrespective of their origin (see Order No. 34 of 23 May 1980, promulgated by the Minister for External Trade and International Economic Cooperation of the Socialist Republic of Romania and published in the Romanian weekly journal 'Informații de comerț exterior' (Information on Foreign Trade)).

Under Order No. 34 of 23 May 1980, the Ministry of External Trade and International Economic Cooperation can reject a licence application or cancel a licence in respect of imports from countries applying discriminatory quantitative restrictions on imports of Romanian goods or in the case of exceptionally important events or of natural disasters.

In accordance with State Council Decree No. 183 of 11 June 1980, Romania has accepted the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures done at Geneva on 12 April 1979. (That Decree was published in the Official Gazette of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Part I, No. 47 of 16 June 1980.)"

Accept, Sir, etc.

(signed) Liviu Paunescu
Resident Representative to GATT