ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:6

Finland/Pakistan

Note by the Chairman

With reference to the notification from Finland of emergency action under Article 3:6 taken against Pakistan, (TEX.SB/725), the attached letter has been received by the Chairman from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan and is being distributed to the TSB.
Dear Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to inform you that Government of Finland has decided to restrict issue of licenses for import of T-shirts from Pakistan with effect from 3rd March, 1982 and has asked Government of Pakistan to suspend further exports of this item. This action according to the Finnish authorities has been taken in pursuance of Article 3.6 of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles.

2. The Government of Pakistan considers that action taken by the Finnish authorities is not justified by Article 3.6 as unusual and critical circumstances envisaged in Article 3.6 do not exist. The Government of Pakistan feels that market disruption is not proved on the basis of data furnished by the Finnish authorities which, inter alia, is incomplete as it does not take into account all the elements of the market disruption as laid down in Annex A, as required by paragraph 8 of the conclusions adopted by the Textile Committee on 22nd December, 1981.

3. The Government of Pakistan will therefore request that Textile Surveillance Body should recommend to the Government of Finland to revoke their action which has no legal basis and pursue consultations
with Pakistan within the purview of Article 3.3 and 3.5 of the Arrangement and with full regard to Article 1.2 and Article 3.7.

Please accept, Mr. Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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