ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:5

Action taken by the United States towards Haiti

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States concerning a unilateral measure taken under the provisions of Article 3:5, in which imports of cotton dressing gowns (Category 350) produced or manufactured in Haiti have been placed under restraint for the period 30 January 1984 to 29 January 1985.
The Honorable Marcelo Rafaelli
Ambassador
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
154, rue de Lausanne
1211 Geneva 21

Dear Mr. Chairman:

With reference to my letter of February 13, 1984, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body that on April 11, 1984 the United States, pursuant to Article 3.5(i) of the Arrangement, established a restraint of 18,754 dozen for the period beginning on January 30, 1984 and ending on January 29, 1985 for imports of cotton dressing gowns (category 350) produced or manufactured in Haiti. Additional information pertaining to this action will be provided to you shortly. In the meantime, I can confirm that the United States Government remains willing to resume consultations with Haiti on this category at any mutually agreeable time.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counsellor
The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
154 rue de Lausanne
CH-1211 Geneva 21

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, and further to my February 12 letter to you, I am instructed to inform you that on January 30, 1984 my government requested consultations with the Government of Haiti regarding exports from Haiti to the United States of cotton dressing gowns (category 350).

A copy of the U.S. note, which includes the detailed factual statement called for in paragraph 3 of Article 3 is attached.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Attachment:
(as stated)
U.S. NOTE

— (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)


— DURING RECENT MONTHS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTED THE RISING LEVEL OF EXPORTS OF COTTON DRESSING GOWNS FROM HAITI TO THE UNITED STATES.

AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS CONCLUDED THAT IMPORTS OF THIS PRODUCT FROM HAITI THREATEN MARKET DISRUPTION IN THE UNITED STATES, AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE A OF THE ARRANGEMENT. A STATEMENT OF THE REASONS AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS CONCLUSION IS ENCLOSED. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI ON CATEGORY 358 WITH A VIEW TOWARD SETTING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF RESTRAINT ON THE EXPORT OF THIS PRODUCT FROM HAITI TO THE UNITED STATES.

— IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE THREE OF THE ARRANGEMENT, IF OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS MATTER WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESTRAIN IMPORTS OF COTTON DRESSING GOWNS PRODUCED IN HAITI AND EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTE TO A LEVEL NOT LESS THAN THE LEVEL OF IMPORTS OF THIS PRODUCT FROM HAITI DURING THE FIRST TWELVE OF THE LAST FOURTEEN MONTHS PRECEDING THE MONTH OF THIS REQUEST, I.E., OCTOBER 1983, FOR WHICH THE LEVEL IS 16,754 DOZEN.

— MY GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION PERTAINING TO THE EXPORT OF COTTON DRESSING GOWNS TO THE UNITED STATES.

— (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

ENCLOSURE:

— AS STATED.
MARKET STATEMENT - HAITI
CATEGORY 350 — COTTON DRESSING CLOTHES JANUARY 1984


CATEGORY 353 IMPORTS FROM HAITI ARE CONCENTRATED IN TSUSA NO. 383.0820 — WOVEN CREAMETED DRESSING GOVNS (47 PERCENT) AND NO. 363.3773 — WOVEN NOT-CREAMETED DRESSING GOVNS (45 PERCENT). THESE IMPORTS ARE BEING ENTERED AT DUTY-PAID LANDED VALUES WELL BELOW THE U.S. PRODUCER PRICES FOR COMPARABLE GARMENTS.

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