ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement
between the United States and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States, concerning a further modification of the bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 between the United States and Hong Kong.

1 The original bilateral agreement and previous modifications are contained in COM.TEX/SB/818, 888, 910, 945 and 946.

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Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
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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 a modification of the cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong.

The United States on December 23, 1983 requested consultations with Hong Kong pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of the U.S. - Hong Kong bilateral agreement to seek a restraint on nine products (see attached list), from Hong Kong. Hong Kong, in accordance with paragraph 7(d), thereof, ceased the issuance of export authorizations through December 31, 1983. This action, in turn, modified the provisions of the bilateral agreement with respect to these nine categories for 1983.

The U.S. subsequently, as a result of further examination of market factors regarding categories 318 and 669, rescinded its request for consultations on these two categories. Consultations with respect to the establishment of restraint levels for the remaining categories were held in February but ended inconclusively.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT

HONG KONG PRODUCTS

314  (cotton poplin & broadcloth)
318  (cotton yarn-dyed fabric)
337  (cotton playsuits)
359  (other cotton apparel)
361  (cotton sheets and pillowcases)
369  (other cotton textiles)
459  (other wool apparel)
649  (mmf brassieres)
669  (other mmf textiles)