ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Modification of the Bilateral Agreement between the EEC and Macao

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the Commission of the European Communities concerning a modification of the bilateral agreement with Macao, introducing a Community restraint on imports of outer garments and clothing accessories (Category 83) from 1983.

1. The original agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/976
2. *English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente*
Dear Ambassador,

In connection with the Economic Community's Agreement on trade in textile products with Macao initialled on 3 July 1982 and negotiated pursuant to Article 4 of the Arrangement as extended by the 1981 Protocol of Extension, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

During the course of 1983 imports of outer garments and clothing accessories (category 83) from Macao into the Community exceeded 84 tonnes, being the level at which the Community could ask for consultations with a view to establishing a regional limit under the provisions of Article 5 of the bilateral Agreement. The Community having deemed that there was real risk of market disruption in this case, the two sides consulted on 7 October 1983 in pursuance of Article 16 of the Agreement. As a result of these consultations, and in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement, Macao agreed to limit exports to the Community as follows:

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This new limit contained in the Agreed Minute annexed to this letter, is herewith communicated under Article 4, Paragraph 4, of the Arrangement, as a modification to the Community's Agreement with Macao notified in 1984 and circulated under COM/TEX/SB/974 to the T.S.B.

Yours sincerely,

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a) Date when new limit was agreed: 7 October 1983
b) Basket Exit Level (Group II B: 1%):
   - Germany 31 T
   - Benelux 11 T
   - United Kingdom 441 T
c) Provisional limit introduced pending outcome of consultations:
   - 84 tonnes
d) Level of new agreed limit:
   - 441 T
e) First year of application of new limit:
   - 1983
f) Annual growth:
   - 2.5%
g) Date when consultations were requested:
   - 8 September 1983
h) Recorded imports at date of request:
   - 296 tonnes
i) Period covered by h):
   - 6 months 1983
j) Imports during calendar year preceding year during which consultation was requested:
   - 370 tonnes
1. A delegation of Macao and a delegation of the European Communities met on 7 October 1983 in Brussels for consultations pursuant to Articles 7 and 16 of the Agreement on trade in textiles initialled on 3 December 1982.

2. As a result of the consultations, Macao agreed to limit its exports to products falling under category 83 to the Community to the following levels:

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* France was already subject to limitations from 20 July 1983.

3. It is the understanding of both parties that the provisions of the Agreement which concern exports of products subject to quantitative limits established in Annex II shall apply to exports of the products mentioned from 1 January 1983.

It is understood that export licences for the category concerned are being issued from 8 September 1983.

7 October 1983