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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Report on Measure under Article 3:5

Sweden/Turkey

Note by the Chairman

Attached is the report received from Turkey, in accordance with the TSB's request of 17 July 1984, on consultations with Sweden, concerning imports of Groups 4/5 and 8 (knitted underwear, sweaters, etc. and trousers).

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The consultations were held in a positive atmosphere. In spite of their failure to reach a mutually acceptable solution, both sides were of the opinion that consultations should resume at some future date.

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



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Following the recommendation adopted by the TSB at its meeting of 17 July, 1984, the representatives of Turkey and Sweden met in Stockholm on 16 and 17 August 1984, in order to hold additional consultations with a view to finding a solution to the problem arising out of exports of certain clothing items from Turkey to Sweden.

During the consultations, the two sides repeated their positions which are familiar to the TSB. The Turkish side stressed that since a case of market disruption had not been established, the unilateral restraint measure imposed by Sweden should be lifted. The Swedish side repeated the belief it had voiced already that additional data would be able to support their claim of market disruption by Turkish exports.

The Turkish side, while continuing to argue that category IV exports should be unrestrained because of their small share in the Swedish market, lowered by 50.000 pieces its previous requests for each of category V and VIII. However, in spite of this well-intentioned suggestion which was accompanied by small improvements in the Swedish offer, the two sides were unable to bridge the gap which separates their respective positions.

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