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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 11:4

Restraints under China/United States Agreement

Note by the Chairman

The attached notification from China under Article 11:4 concerns the introduction of restraints on seven categories under the terms of the bilateral agreement between China and the United States.<sup>1</sup>

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

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This is a request to the Textiles Surveillance Body, pursuant to Article 11, paragraph 4 of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter "the Arrangement"), to review, consider, and make recommendations to the People's Republic of China and the United States regarding requests for consultations by the United States on 7 categories of textile products and actions by the United States limiting imports from the People's Republic of China in these categories. A list of the 7 categories mentioned above on which the United States has requested consultations and is limiting imports, as well as the dates of these actions, is attached as Appendix A hereto.

Article 3 (a) of the bilateral agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States provides that the United States may request consultations on textile imports that "are, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade between the two countries." The bilateral agreement also requires the United States to provide to the People's Republic of China, "at the time" of the request for consultations, "a detailed factual statement of the reasons and justifications for its request for consultation," based on "current data, which in the view of the Government of the United States of America shows: (1) the existence or threat of market disruption, and (2) the contribution of export from the People's Republic of China to that disruption."

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The People's Republic of China and the United States held bilateral consultations concerning actions by the United States to limit textile imports from the People's Republic of China on December 13-29, 1983 in Washington, D.C., on March 26-30, 1984 in Beijing, and numerous informal contacts both prior to and subsequent to those consultations.

The People's Republic of China considers the actions of the United States requesting consultations, its actions limiting import and its position in bilateral negotiations, to be inconsistent with the Arrangement, particularly Articles 1,3,4,5 and 6 thereof, and with the Protocol extending the Arrangement, particularly paragraphs 2,7,8 and 12 thereof, and with the bilateral agreement between the People's Republic of China and the United States, particularly paragraph 8 thereof. The People's Republic of China will submit to the Textiles Surveillance Body, at the time this matter is considered, a detailed explanation of its position.

There is urgency to this matter in view of the extended period of consultations on the affected products and the commercial difficulties being experienced. It is therefore requested that this matter be considered during the meeting on November 19-21, 1984 or earlier if possible. The People's Republic of China is prepared to send representatives from Beijing for the meeting.

For the information of the Textiles Surveillance Body, I would like to notify you that the United States, since September 1983, has requested consultations with the People's Republic of China on an additional 14 categories and is

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limiting imports in them. Attached herewith as Appendix B is a list of the 14 categories as well as the dates of these actions.

Accept, Mr. Chairman, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



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Ambassador

Permanent Representative  
Permanent Mission of China  
Geneva

The Honorable Marcello Raffaelli  
Chairman  
Textiles Surveillance Body  
c/o The GATT  
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Appendix A

<u>Textile Category</u>	<u>Date of Request for Consultation</u>	<u>Effective Date of U.S. Action Currently Limiting Imports</u>
- 410 - Wool, Woolen & Worsted	31 March 1984	2 July 1984
- 442 - Wool Skirts	24 January 1984	9 May 1984
- 441 - Women's, Girls' and Infants' Wool Suits	24 January 1984	9 May 1984
- 637 - Man-made Fiber Playsuits	24 February 1984	24 May 1984
- 649 - Brassiers, Man-made Fiber	28 March 1984	2 July 1984
- 436 - Wool Dresses	31 May 1984	28 June 1984
- 313 - Cotton Sheeting	30 November 1983	28 February 1984

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Appendix B

<u>Textile Category</u>	<u>Date of Request for Consultation</u>	<u>Effective Date of U.S. Action Currently Limiting Imports</u>
- 336 - Cotton Dresses	30 September 1983	30 December 1983
- 639 - Women's, Girls' and Infants' Knit Shirts and Blouses of Man- made Fiber	30 September 1983	30 December 1983
- 352 - Cotton Underwear	22 October 1983	20 January 1984
- 433 - Men's and Boy's Wool-Type Coats	30 November 1983	28 February 1984
- 317 - Cotton Twill and Sateen	30 December 1983	9 April 1984
- 435 - Women's, Girls' and Infants' Wool Coats	30 December 1983	9 April 1984
- 433 - Wool Knit Shirts and Blouses	30 December 1983	9 April 1984
- 669 - Other Manufacturers Man-made Fiber	30 December 1983	9 April 1984
- 638 - Men's and Boys' Knit Shirts of Man-made Fiber	24 January 1984	9 May 1984
- 320 pt.-Other Woven Fabrics Cotton	29 February 1984	24 May 1984
- 613 pt.-Man-made Fiber, Noncellulose, Woven	27 March 1984	2 July 1984
- 644 - Man-made Fiber Suits Women's, Girls' and Infants	28 March 1984	2 July 1984
- 369 pt.-Cotton Shop Towels	30 May 1984	28 June 1984
- 359 pt.- Cotton Coveralls Overalls	31 May 1984	13 July 1984