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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Prolongation of the Bilateral Agreement between Sweden and Hong Kong

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Sweden of a prolongation of the bilateral agreement between Hong Kong and Sweden for the period 1 April 1983 to 31 August 1983.

The agreement between the parties and a subsequent amendment are contained in COM.TEX/SB/712 and 826

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Geneva, 21 May, 1985

Mr. Marcelo Raffaelli Chairman of the Textiles Surveillance Body GATT Centre William Rappard 154, rue de Lausanne 1211 GENEVA 21

Dear Mr. Raffaelli,

Pursuant to article 4:4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles as extended through the 1981 Protocol, I hereby would like to notify a prolongation of the bilateral agreement between Hongkong and Sweden, found in document COM.TEX/SB/712.

A copy of the agreement for prolongation is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Bo Henrikson

Counsellor

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Consultations on a new agreement between the Government of Hong Kong and the Government of Sweden regarding exports of certain textile products from Hong Kong to Sweden have taken place in Hong Kong and in Stockholm under the provisions of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade inTextiles and the Protocol of Extension of 22 December 1981. It has, however, not been possible to conclude an agreement during these consultations.

To allow the Swedish and Hong Kong authorities time to reflect on the future course of action, and with a view to avoiding hardship to the commercial relations between Hong Kong and Sweden, the two delegations have agreed upon prolongation of the current Memorandum of Understanding to August 31, 1983. Hong Kong will continue issuing export licences for exports to Sweden of the textile products at present under restraint, and Sweden will continue to issue import licences on the basis thereof.

It is understood that during the period April 1, 1982 to August 31, 1983 exports from Hong Kong to Sweden of the items in question will not exceed 17/12 of the aggregate level as well as of the specific group and subgroup levels specified in Annex I, column (g), of the Memorandum of Understanding of April 1, 1981. All other relevant provisions of the said Memorandum would apply. The levels as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding on groups B, C and D of April 1, 1981, are scaled up to 17/12.

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