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16 January 1989

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:5

Thailand/United States

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from Thailand requesting the TSB to review under Article 3:5 the unilateral measures taken by the United States on Category ~~607~~^{670-L}-L and Category 870 when imported from Thailand.¹.

¹Notification by the United States of the unilateral measures is contained in TEX.SB/1531.

* English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

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PERMANENT MISSION OF THAILAND
GENEVA

9 January 1989

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereafter referred to as the MFA) and actions taken by the Government of the United States of America on Thailand exports of luggage to the United States.

On 24 May 1988, the Government of the United States of America requested consultations with the Government of Thailand under Article 3 of the MFA regarding Thailand's exports of man-made fiber luggage (category 670-L) to the United States. The second request under Article 3 of the MFA was also made on 24 May 1988 regarding exports of silk-blend and non-cotton vegetable fiber luggage (Category 870) to the United States.

Over the last three months, representatives of the Governments of Thailand and the United States of America have met three times to discuss these requests for consultations. These consultations were held in Washington, D.C. from 18 to 21 October, in Bangkok from 14 to 18 November and finally in Washington, D.C. from 13 to 16 December 1988.

On 12 December 1988, the United States implemented the unilateral import controls on Thailand's exports of category 670-L and category 870 at the minimum levels provided for under Annex B of the Arrangement.

Whereas consultations between the Government of Thailand and the Government of the United States of America will likely be held in 1989 regarding other bilateral

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textile issues, it is the view of the Government of Thailand that consultations on these two called categories will no longer prove beneficial. It is therefore the request of the Government of Thailand that the Textiles Surveillance Body review these two Articles 3 actions pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 5 of the Arrangement.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chao Saicheua', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

(Chao Saicheua)
Ambassador
Permanent Representative