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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Communication Regarding Measure Taken Under Article 3:5

Costa Rica/United States

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received from Costa Rica in response to the TSB's decision to invite Costa Rica and the United States to present their respective cases on the unilateral measure taken under Article 3:5 by the United States on imports of cotton gloves and mittens from Costa Rica.

¹Notification of the Article 3:5 measure is contained in TEX.SB/1575

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Señor
Marcelo Raffaelli
Presidente
Organo de Vigilancia de los Textiles
Ginebra, Suiza

Estimado señor:

Me refiero a la restricción de las importaciones de guantes y mitones de algodón (categoría 331) provenientes de Costa Rica, efectuada por el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos, y, a la comparecencia que ese Organo ha programado para que manifestemos lo que a bien tengamos en relación con dicha acción.

Sobre el particular, le informo a Usted que en el mes de febrero pasado, ambos gobiernos mantuvimos una ronda de negociaciones, donde se discutió este asunto sin que se lograra arribar a una conclusión definitiva. La posición del Gobierno de Costa Rica ha sido clara y reiterada en el sentido de que el llamado a consulta de referencia es injustificado, de conformidad con las disposiciones del Acuerdo Multi-Fibras suscrito por ambos países.

Recientemente, el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos ha solicitado se efectúe una segunda ronda de negociaciones bilaterales, la cual ha sido fijada para los días 6 y 7 de julio de 1989.

En consecuencia, creemos que la revisión programada sería en este momento prematura, razón por la que consideramos conveniente que la misma sea suspendida. Es claro, sin embargo, que de no llegarse a un acuerdo, Costa Rica se reserva el derecho de acudir a dicho Organo.

Atentamente,



por el Ministerio de Comercio Exterior

Raul Trejos
Embajador

Representante Permanente

Ministry of Foreign Trade
San Jose, Costa Rica
Mr. Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Body
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Sir,

I refer to the restriction on imports of cotton gloves and mittens (Category 331) from Costa Rica imposed by the Government of the United States of America, and to the hearing which the TSB has planned for us to express whatever comments we see fit in connection with this action.

In this respect, I wish to inform you that last February our two governments held a round of negotiations at which this issue was discussed without it being possible to reach a final conclusion. The position of the Government of Costa Rica has been clear and reiterated, to the effect that the call for consultations in question is unjustified, in accordance with the provisions of the Multi-fibre Arrangement signed by both countries.

The Government of the United States has recently requested a second round of bilateral negotiations, set for 6 and 7 July 1989.

Consequently, we believe that the planned review would be premature at this time, and that it should therefore be suspended. Obviously, however, if an agreement is not reached, Costa Rica reserves the right to have recourse to the Textiles Surveillance Body.

Yours truly

For the Ministry of Foreign Trade

Raul Trejos
Ambassador
Permanent Representative