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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement Between the Canada and Romania

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the Canada of an amendment of its agreement with Romania. Extraordinary carryover was provided for unutilized 1989 quotas on tailored collar shirts and wool pants; the carryover would apply in equal parts for the period 1 January 1990 to 31 December 1991.

¹The bilateral agreement as amended is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1526.

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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to Article 4:4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the MFA) done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and to the Protocol extending the MFA, done at Geneva on July 31, 1986, I have the honour to notify you of the conclusion of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Canada and the Government of Romania relating to the export from Romania of certain textiles and textile products for import into Canada effective from January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1991.

The amendment is made pursuant to paragraphs 15 and 16 of the MOU and provides for the liberalization of a restraint on Romanian shipments of tailored-collar shirts and wool pants. It will enable the Romanian Government to carry-over in equal parts, unutilized 1989 restraint levels on exports to Canada of tailored-collar shirts and wool pants, for the period commencing January 1, 1990 and ending December 31, 1991.

The arrangement already contains a flexibility provision which allows swing of 6 per cent, carry-over and carry-forward at 10 per cent and 5 per cent respectively, with a combined, maximum flexibility of 12 per cent. Annual growth for the tailored collar shirts remains at 4 per cent whereas annual growth for the wool pants remains at 6 per cent.

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The Government of Canada believes this Arrangement to be in conformity with the provisions of the MFA and to its Protocol of Extension and, as such, in keeping with the gradual liberalization of the Canadian import programme on textiles and clothing.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Gero'.

J. Gero
Counsellor

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Romania and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's note number 46 of January 8, 1990 concerning a request for increases in certain 1990 and 1991 restraint levels in the bilateral restraint Arrangement between the two countries with respect to the export of certain textile and clothing products from Romania to Canada.

Canadian officials have carefully considered the Romanian authorities request and owing to the needs of the Canadian industry in these sectors and in order to keep the integrity of other restraint arrangements, the Canadian government is unable to comply with the request in its entirety. However, officials are pleased to advise that with respect to Category 2 and 5A, unutilized 1989 restraint levels may be carried over on an extraordinary basis in equal parts to 1990 and 1991. This would result in the following adjusted restraint levels:

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
(2)	703,879 units	726,031 units
(5A)	124,629 units	134,648 units

This gesture from the Canadian government is intended to support Romanian efforts in achieving its social and economic goals.

The Department of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Romania the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ottawa, August 1990