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TARIFFS AND TRADE

Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Matter referred under Articles 11:4 and 11:5

Brazil/United States

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a communication received under Article 11, paragraphs 4 and 5, from Brazil, referring the intention of the United States to apply a restraint with respect to imports of men's and boys' wool suits (Category 443) from Brazil.

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Dear Ambassador Raffaelli,

The Government of the United States has communicated to the Government of Brazil its intention to apply restraints in respect of Brazilian exports of textiles products under category 443 (men's and boys' wool suits). Bilateral consultations have been held but they have not resulted in a mutually satisfactory solution.

Brazil considers that the application of such a restraint on Brazilian exports, while the Government of the United States increases imports from other sources, is unfair, discriminatory and highly detrimental to its interests. In particular, Brazil considers that the statement of reasons presented by the United States does not prove the existence of market disruption or threat thereof caused or to be caused by Brazilian exports of the pertinent product.

The Government of Brazil has therefore decided to request that the matter be considered by the TSB at the earliest possible date under Article 11, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Multifibre Arrangement. A Brazilian representative will be assigned to be present at the meeting

in which this matter may be considered and will submit detailed explanation of its position.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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Minister Counsellor
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