## **GENERAL AGREEMENT ON**

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONFIDENTIAL
TEX.SB/1971\*
29 January 1993

Textiles Surveillance Body

## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4

Extension of the bilateral agreement between Finland and Sri Lanka

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Finland of an extension of its bilateral agreement with Sri Lanka for the period 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1994.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1689.

<sup>\*</sup>English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente

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Geneva, 26 January 1993

Excellency,

With reference to Article 4 paragraph 2 of Annex B of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973 as extended by the 1986 Protocol and subsequent Protocols, I have the honour to notify to the Textiles Surveillance Body a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Finland and the Government of Sri Lanka extending the Memorandum of Understanding on mutual trade in textile products expiring on 31 December 1992.

The arrangement shall apply for the period of 1 January 1993 to 31 of December 1994 with a growth rate of 6 per cent each year. The carryover and carryforward provisions remain unchanged.

In addition to the agreed restraint level a separate OPT quota, equivalent to fifty per cent of the base level for the restrained category for each of the years 1993 and 1994, was included in the agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Luotonen Counsellor

Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli Chairman Textiles Surveillance Body GATT TEX. STY 1977

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 1. A Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Finland and a Delegation of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka met in Brussels on 4th and 5th of December 1992, and discussed the desirability of the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding dated 14th January 1992, for a further period.
- 2. The Delegations agreed that having regard to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, in particular Article 4 and Paragraph 2 of Annex 'B', the Memorandum of Understanding be extended for a further period of two years commencing 1st January 1993, and ending on 31st December 1994, subject to the same terms and conditions as set out in the said Memorandum of Understanding, modified as follows provided however that if the Agreement on Textiles under the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations shall come into force at any time before 31st December 1994, this Memorandum of Understanding shall be replaced and superseded by that Agreement.
  - i. The base levels for men's and boys' shirts of cotton and man-made fibres shall be 92,457 pieces for the year 1993;
  - ii. The carryover and carryforward flexibilities contained in the Memorandum of Understanding shall be applicable for the years 1993 and 1994;
  - iii. Having regard to Sri Lanka's 200 Garment Factory Programme, the Government of the Republic of Finland
    - (a) has increased the growth rate for 1994 to six per cent, and
    - (b) has agreed to grant Sri Lanka an Outward Processing Trade quota equivalent to fifty per cent of the base level for the restrained category for each of the years 1993 and 1994.

Done in Brussels on 5th December Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Two.

for the Government of the Republic of Finland

For the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Erik Hagfors

Milinda Moragoda