

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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11 March 1993

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

### ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

#### Notification under Article 7

#### Termination of the bilateral agreement between Canada and Colombia

#### Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from Canada of the termination of its Article 4 agreement with Colombia on 31 December 1992.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The bilateral agreement and extension are contained in COM.TEX/SB/1642 and 1796.

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4 March, 1993


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Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli  
Chairman  
Textiles Surveillance Body  
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade  
Centre William Rappard  
154 rue de Lausanne  
1211 Genève  
SUISSE

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

Pursuant to Article 7 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA), done at Geneva December 20, 1973, and to its 1986, 1991 and 1992 protocols of extension and maintenance in force, I am pleased to enclose, for your information, a copy of a recent exchange of diplomatic notes between the Canadian and Colombian governments. This exchange confirms the termination, as of year-end 1992, of the previously existing Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries covering the export of certain Colombian textile products for importation into Canada.

Yours sincerely,

  
John F. Donaghy,  
Counsellor

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*Embajada de Colombia*

No.E. 030

The Embassy of Colombia presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs and International Trade and further to the latter's note No. 1634, dated October 15, 1992, has the honour to inform it that the Colombian Government considers that the artificial reasons that apparently provoked a market disruption that led to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Government of Canada have already ceased to exist, once the colombian exports to Canada of the textile products listed in Annexes I and II of the MOU have decreased substantially, in such a manner that the present volume of exports cannot be affecting the canadian production in any possible way.

On the other hand, it is obvious that this very low level of exports cannot be interpreted as a disruption of the Canadian market, in the terms defined in the Multifibre Agreement, and, therefore, the prolongation in time of the restrictions established by the MOU is not justified.

The Government of the Republic of Colombia considers that the prolongation of the bilateral textile agreement between Colombia and Canada would further hinder colombian textile exports, as far as the imposition of quotas causes uncertainty among exporters and importers and discourages trade flows.

Therefore, the Government of the Republic of Colombia cannot

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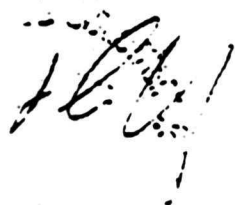
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accept the proposal of the Canadian authorities in favour of a new extension of the MOU.

The Colombian Authorities are convinced that the Government of Canada will accept this decision of the Government of Colombia in a positive and constructive way, within the framework of free trade principles and in the spirit of assuring a fair share in the canadian market for the colombian textile industry.

The Embassy of Colombia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of External Affairs and International trade the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ottawa, January 8, 1993

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No. 0147

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Colombia and, wishes to refer to the latter's note No. E. 030 dated January 9, 1993, in which the Government of Colombia indicated that it cannot accept the Canadian proposal to extend the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Colombia relating to the export from Colombia of certain textile products for import into Canada.

The Canadian authorities accept that it is the right of the Government of Colombia to decide not to renew the existing Memorandum of Understanding. Canadian authorities therefore accept this decision but also wish to reiterate the commitment of the Canadian Government to maintaining an effective policy relating to imports of textiles and clothing. This policy ensures a moderate growth in imports in order to provide the Canadian industry with a climate that is conducive to an orderly adjustment process. In this respect, the Canadian authorities fully reserve their rights under the provisions of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement to take appropriate action in the event that future exports of textile and clothing products from Colombia disrupt or threaten to disrupt the Canadian market.

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MPC No. 465

Ginebra, febrero 22 de 1993

Señor Director General:

Adjunto tengo el gusto de enviarle la nota No.0147 del Departamento de Relaciones Exteriores y Comercio Exterior de Canadá, fechada en Ottawa el 10 de febrero de 1993, por medio de la cual el gobierno de ese país acepta la decisión del gobierno de Colombia de no prorrogar el Memorando de Entendimiento que cobijaba las exportaciones colombianas de ciertos productos textiles (toallas de algodón) a ese mercado.

Le agradezco dar a esta comunicación el trámite pertinente.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para reiterar a usted los sentimientos de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

EDUARDO MESTRE SARMIENTO  
Embajador  
Jefe de la Misión

Señor  
Arthur Dunkel  
Presidente del Comité de Textiles  
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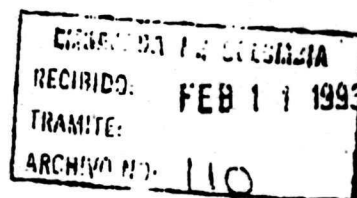
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