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Mr. P. Wurth
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Dear Mr Wurth,

I refer to my letter of 23 June 1975 informing you of certain temporary restraint measures which, under Article 3, paragraph 6 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, the European Economic Community had taken with respect to imports of knitted gloves from the Republic of Korea into a Member State of the Community, namely France.

Since the taking of these measures by the Community, consultations have continued with the Korean authorities and it has now been found possible to reach a mutually acceptable interim arrangement. The attached copy of the agreed record of discussion sets out the basis for the agreement.

I should be obliged if you would communicate these details to the members of the T.S.B.

Yours sincerely,

B. MEYNELL.

Agreed record of discussion

Present :

Community delegation :

Mr. Beseler

Mr. Cunnane

Korean delegation :

Mr. Chong Sang Park

Mr. Hyung Il Han

Mr. Nai Sung Kim

The meeting took place in pursuance of the request for immediate co-operation (under Art. 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles) put forward in the Note Verbale by the Directorate General for External Relations of 23 May 1975.

It was agreed that measures were needed to avoid disruption in the French market. It was further noted that the Community and Korea were in negotiations under Art. 4 of the M.F.A. but that meanwhile it was desirable to co-operate immediately on a bilateral emergency basis as provided for in the M.F.A.

Having regard to the provisions of the M.F.A. , and in the light of statistical information exchanged in the course of discussions the Commission representative indicated that the following autonomous measures were contemplated under Community Regulations in force. The Korean representative agreed that they would constitute a mutually acceptable interim arrangement.

- (i) Imports into France of knitted gloves under Nimex Codes 60.02-40 and 60.02-60 would be made subject to the production of an import authorisation, and the total quantity to be admitted during the 6 month period beginning on 15 June 1975 should not exceed the following quantity :

1.35 million pairs

- (ii) Import authorisations shall be issued by the competent Community authorities in France, upon the presentation of an export visa, issued by the competent Korean authorities, subject to the above limit.

In practice this means that the French authorities would issue authorisations automatically upon presentation of the Korean export visa.

Subject to production of the relevant documentation, goods actually shipped from Korea to France before 15 June 1975 would not be taken into account in the above-mentioned levels.

The Korean and the Commission's representatives indicated their authorities' willingness to co-operate in the implementation of the above arrangement.

Finally, it was acknowledged on both sides that the interim emergency arrangements referred to above would be terminated upon the conclusion of an Art. 4 bilateral agreement between the Community and Korea, and that the criteria used in this Arrangement would not prejudice negotiations for a bilateral agreement on other items.

The Commission representative indicated that his authorities had the intention to take into account, when fixing the measures applicable for the next period, the amount of goods actually shipped from Korea to France before 15 June 1975. The Korean representative firmly objected.

Brussels, 7.7.1975

Chong. Park

J-F. Perels