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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Hong Kong

Addendum

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a letter which has been received from the Hong Kong office in Geneva, conveying some comments by the Hong Kong authorities on the summary of the bilateral agreement between the United States and Hong Kong (Attachment A to TEX.SB/752).

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ANSWERED

Dear Mr Chairman

Please refer to document TEX.SB/752 dated 8 September 1982 containing a notification by the United States of a new bilateral agreement between the United States and Hong Kong for the period 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1987.

My Government has asked me to convey to you the following comments on Attachment A of the document under reference :

Item 6(b) on page 1 of Attachment A (a)

The agreement does not specify a fixed period for the provision of reports on export authorizations (see paragraph 7(a) on page 4 of the text of the agreement attached to the US notification). is, however, the Hong Kong Government's practice to provide "weekly" reports.

(b) Item 6(d)(1) on page 2 of Attachment A

The term "previous agreement year" is misleading in that the year 1981, which is not an "agreement year" in the context of the new agreement, can also be used as a reference period. The term used in the agreement is "the immediately preceding year" (see para 7(e)(I)(a) on page 6 of the agreement).

(C) Item 6(d)(2) on page 2 of Attachment A

The meaning of the phrase "average of previous agreement year's levels of trade" is not clear. The agreement itself refers to "the average of the level of trade ... for all previous years since January 1, 1981 ... " (see para 7(e)(I)(b) on page 6 of the agreement).

3. I should be grateful if you would inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the above comments.

Yours sincerely

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