

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Textiles Surveillance Body

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Articles 11:4 and 3:5

Action taken by the United States towards the Republic of Maldives

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the Republic of Maldives under the provisions of Article 11:5, concerning unilateral action taken by the United States to restrain two categories of wool garments for the period 29 September 1982 to 28 September 1983, and 26 December 1982 to 25 December 1983, respectively. These actions are considered as being taken under the provisions of Article 3:5 of the Arrangement.

¹ At the time at which the actions were taken, Maldives was not a participant in the MFA. Maldives accepted the MFA as extended by the 1981 Protocol of Extension on 19 April 1983.

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'the honourable marcello paffaelli
chairman
textiles surveillance body
c/o the gatt
geneva, switzerland

no: 661/e dt: 11/6/1983

dear mr. chairman:

i have the pleasure to request to the textiles surveillance body,
pursuant to article 3, paragraph 5, and article 11 of the
arrangement regarding international trade in textiles
(hereinafter 'the arrangement'), to review and consider actions
taken by the united states of america restraining imports of
certain textile products from the republic of maldives and to
make recommendations to the united states and to the maldives x

it is further requested that this matter be considered within
thirty days and that the participation of the republic of maldives
and the united states be invited, as provided in the arrangement x

on september 29, 1982 the united states took unilateral action
restraining imports from the republic of maldives in category ++6,
women's, girls' and infants' sweaters of wool at a level of 15,210
dozen for the twelve month period commencing september 29, 1982.

on december 26, 1982 the united states took unilateral action
restraining imports from the republic of maldives in category ++5,
men's and boys' sweaters of wool for the twelve month period
commencing december 26, 1982 at a level of 12,756 dozen

at the time of these actions the united states informed the
republic of maldives that it was according the republic of maldives
the same treatment it would have received were it a member
of the arrangement. subsequently on 19 (day) of april, 1983
the republic of maldives accepted the arrangement as a member of
gatt pursuant to article 13, paragraph 1.

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the republic of maldives and the united states held bilateral negotiations concerning these restraints on three occasions: december 2-5, 1962 in washington, d.c.: february 12-15, 1963 in colombo: and may 31-june 1, 1963 washington, d.c. these negotiations failed to produce a mutually agreed solution.

the republic of maldives considers the actions of the united states, and its position in bilateral negotiations, to be inconsistent with the arrangement, particularly articles 1,3,4,5 and 6 thereof, and with the protocol extending the arrangement regarding international trade in textiles, particularly paragraphs 2,7,8 and 12

thereof.

the republic of maldives will submit to the textiles surveillance body at the time this matter is considered, a detailed explanation of its position.

the republic of maldives is prepared to send a representative to geneva at such time that the textiles surveillance body will consider this matter and would be pleased to consult with the chairman regarding an appropriate time convenient to the textiles surveillance body, the united states and the republic of maldives.

there is urgency to this matter in view of the extended period of consultations and the commercial difficulties being experienced in view of the seasonal nature of the trade. we would suggest a date in late june or the first part of july at the latest.

with assurances of my highest consideration.

i.h. zaki
under secretary
ministry of foreign affairs
republic of maldives

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