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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 Uruguay

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States, concerning a new bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 between the United States and Uruguay, valid from 1 August 1983 to 30 June 1986.

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May 15, 1984

The Honorable
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of a new bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Uruguay.

Attached hereto are copies of the notes giving effect to this agreement. Additional information will be provided separately.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Attachment

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Textiles Division

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Washington, D.C.

May 8, 1984

UNITED STATES AND REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY ESTABLISH BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and the Republic of Uruguay exchanged notes dated December 30, 1983 and January 23, 1984 to establish a bilateral textile agreement for trade in Women's, Girls' and Infants' wool suits. Text of the notes follows:

UNITED STATES NOTE

Montevideo
December 30, 1983

His Excellency
Dr. Carlos Alberto Maeso
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Montevideo

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement), done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, as extended by the Protocol adopted on December 22, 1981.

I also refer to discussions between representatives of the Government of the Republic of Uruguay and the Government of the United States of America in Washington from August 29 to September 2, 1983, concerning exports of certain

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textile products manufactured in Uruguay which are exported to the United States. As a result of these discussions, the Government of the United States proposes under Article 4 and 6 of, and in conformity with the Arrangement, the following agreement relating to trade in women's, girls' and infants' wool suits (Category 444) between the Republic of Uruguay and the United States of America.

1. (a) The term of this agreement will be the two-year and eleven-month period from August 1, 1983 through June 30, 1986.

(b) (I) The first "agreement year" shall be the eleven-month period from August 1, 1983 through June 30, 1984.

(II) Each subsequent "agreement year" shall be a twelve-month period from July 1 of a given year to June 30 of the following year.

2. Textile products covered by this agreement are those summarized in Annex A.

3. Textile products listed in Annex A which derive their chief characteristics from their textile components of wool or blends of wool, in which the wool component comprises the chief value of the fibers, or 17 percent or more by

weight of the product, are subject to the agreement.

4. Commencing with the first agreement year, and during the subsequent term of this agreement, the Government of the Republic of Uruguay shall limit annual exports from Uruguay to the United States of America of textile products set out in Annex A to the limitation (specific limit) set out in Annex B, as such specific limit may be adjusted in accordance with paragraph 5. The specific limit set out in Annex B does not include any adjustments permitted under Paragraph 5.

5. (a) (I) Any specific limit set out in Annex B may be exceeded in any agreement year by carryforward (borrowing a portion of the corresponding specific limit from the succeeding agreement year) and/or carryover (the use of any unused yardage (shortfall) of the corresponding specific limit for the previous agreement year) of not more than eleven (11) percent, of which carryforward shall not constitute more than seven (7) percent.

(II) No carryover shall be available for application in the first agreement year. No carryforward shall be available for application in the final agreement year.

(b) The specific limit referred to in Paragraph 5(a) is without any adjustment under Paragraph 5.

(c) Any unused yardage (shortfall) available may be used for carryover subject to the provisions set out above.

6. (a) For the duration of this agreement, the Government of the United States of America shall not invoke the procedures of Article 3 of the Arrangement with respect to exports of textile products set out in Annex A.

(b) For the categories not subject to a specific limit, each party reserves its rights to take action in accordance with the Arrangement.

7. The Government of the Republic of Uruguay shall use its best efforts to space exports from Uruguay to the United States of America of textile products set out in Annex A evenly throughout each agreement year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

8. The Government of the Republic of Uruguay shall administer its export control system under this agreement. The Government of the United States of America may assist the Government of the Republic of Uruguay in implementing the

limitation provisions of this agreement by controlling imports on the basis of the date of export of textile products set out in Annex A.

9. (a) Exports from Uruguay in excess of authorized limits may be denied entry into the United States of America. Any such shipments denied entry may be permitted entry into the United States of America and charged to the applicable limit in the succeeding agreement year.

(b) Exports from Uruguay in excess of authorized limits will, if allowed entry into the United States of America during that agreement year, be charged to the applicable limit in the succeeding agreement year.

(c) Any action taken pursuant to Paragraph 9(a) and 9(b) above will not prejudice the rights of either side regarding consultation.

10. (a) The Government of the United States of America shall promptly supply the Government of the Republic of Uruguay with data of monthly imports of textile products set out in Annex A into the United States of America from Uruguay.

(b) The Government of the Republic of Uruguay shall promptly supply the Government of the United States of America with data on monthly exports of textile products set out in Annex A from Uruguay to the United States of America.

(c) Each Government agrees to supply promptly any other available statistical data necessary to the implementation of this agreement requested by the other Government.

11. (a) Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made upon consultation to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this agreement, including difference in points of procedure or operation.

(b) The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Uruguay agree to consult upon the request of the other on any question arising in the implementation of this agreement.

(c) The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Uruguay may at any time propose revisions in the terms of this agreement. Each agrees to consult promptly with the other about such proposals with a view to making such revisions to this

agreement, or taking such other appropriate action as may be mutually agreed upon.

(d) If the Government of the Republic of Uruguay considers that as a result of limitations specified in this agreement, it is being placed in an inequitable position in relation to a third country, the Government of the Republic of Uruguay may request consultations with the Government of the United States of America with a view to taking appropriate remedial actions, such as a reasonable modification of this agreement.

12. (a) The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Uruguay will make their best efforts to institute a visa and certification system as soon as possible, which will govern the certification of exports from Uruguay.

(b) (I) Exports of textile products set out in Annex A in shipments individually valued at less than 250.00 dollars from the Republic of Uruguay to the United States of America shall be exempt from the provisions of this agreement.

(II) In accordance with Article 12, Paragraph 3, of the Arrangement, Uruguayan exports of hand-made cottage industry products

made of hand-loomed fabrics will not be subject to the provisions of this agreement.

13. Either Government may terminate this agreement effective at the end of an agreement year, by written notice to the other Government, to be given at least 90 days prior to the end of such agreement year.

If the foregoing conforms with the understanding of the Government of the Republic of Uruguay, this note and Your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uruguay shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

ANNEX A

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION | FACTOR | MEASURE |
|----------|---|--------|---------|
| 444 | Wool suits women's, girls' and infants' | 54.0 | Doz. |

ANNEX B

SPECIFIC LIMITS

| CATEGORY | UNIT | August 1, 1983 June 30, 1984 | July 1, 1984 June 30, 1985 | July 1, 1985 June 30, 1986 |
|----------|------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 444 | Doz. | 5,408 | 5,959 | 6,019 |

Montevideo, January 23, 1984

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note No. 343 dated December 30, 1983, proposing an agreement relating to trade in Category 444 textile products between the Governments of Uruguay and the United States of America.

On behalf of the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, I have the honor to confirm that this note is in conformity with the outcome of the negotiations that were conducted from August 29 until September 2 at Washington. Consequently, your note and this note of confirmation shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, the English and Spanish texts being equally authentic.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration

[signature]

Counselor Richard Huntington Melton,
Charge d'Affaires of the United States of America,
Montevideo.