ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Termination of a bilateral agreement between Austria and Egypt previously notified under the provisions of Article 4

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a letter received from the Austrian mission informing me of an agreement between Austria and Egypt to terminate the bilateral agreement on trade in cotton yarn concluded on 16 January 1975. Copies of the notes affecting the termination of this agreement are attached to the letter.

1See COM.TEX/SB/61.
Sir,

I would like to inform you that following consultations Austria and the Republic of Egypt have agreed not to extend the bilateral agreement under Article 4 of the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES on trade in cotton yarn, concluded on 16 January 1975.

A copy of the exchange of letters specifying this agreement is attached for your information.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Viktor Segalla
First Secretary

Mr. Paul Wurth
Chairman
Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT

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154, rue de Lausanne
1211 Geneva 21
Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the bilateral agreement under Article 4 of the ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES between our two countries signed on 16 January 1975 at Cairo for a term ending 31 December 1977.

I further wish to refer to the negotiations which took place in Vienna on 17 and 18 November 1977 between a delegation of the Republic of Egypt and a delegation of Austria. As a result of these negotiations our two countries agree not to extend the bilateral agreement referred to above.

Should exports of cotton yarn from the Arab Republic of Egypt to Austria develop in a manner which, in the view of Austria, causes real risks of market disruption, Austria may request consultations with the Republic of Egypt with a view to reaching an agreement on mutually acceptable terms on the elimination of such risks. The request for

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such consultations shall be accompanied by a statement containing relevant data on the market conditions which, in the view of Austria, make necessary the request for consultations. The Arab Republic of Egypt agrees to consult within thirty days from the date on which the request for consultations has been received, unless otherwise mutually agreed, and to make its best efforts to complete such consultations within thirty days of their commencement.

I should be grateful if you would kindly confirm that this letter sets out correctly the understanding reached between the delegations of our two countries.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Rudolf Willenpart
Director
Sir,

I would like to refer to your letter dated 22/11/1977 reading as follows:

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I have the honour to confirm that the above sets out correctly the understanding reached between the delegations of our two countries.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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