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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Information Received from Sweden

Note by the Chairman

I attach a report received from the Swedish delegation, in connexion with their consultations with Pakistan on imports of blouses as recommended by the TSB, which has been agreed between the two parties.

1 See COM.TEX/SB/245, paragraphs 11 to 16.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Renseignements communiqués par la Suède

Note du Président

Les membres de l'OST trouveront ci-joint copie d'un rapport que la délégation suédoise a adressé au secrétariat au sujet des consultations qu'elles a tenues avec le Pakistan concernant les importations de chemisiers, conformément à la recommandation de l'OST1. Les deux parties se sont maintenant entendues sur cette question.

Voir le document COM.TEX/SB/245, paragraphes 11 à 16.

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Mr P. Wurth, Ambassador Chairman of the Textiles Surveillance Body GATT GENEVA

Dear Ambassador Wurth,

With reference to the recommendations adopted by the Textiles Surveillance Body on 2 May 1077 with regard to the Swedish unilateral restrictions on imports of blouses from Pakistan I wish to make the following report, which has been agreed between the two parties.

Consultations between Sweden and Pakistan have taken place regarding the recommendations contained in paras 4 and 5 of the above mentioned TSB decision.

Concerning the recommendation in para 5, that the Swedish restrictions should, during an interim period, be replaced by voluntary export arrangements by Pakistan, the Swedish side explained that this was not practically feasible, at least not before 1 January 1978, since the Swedish authorities have given importers irrevocable licensing commitments valid until that date for the entire quantity to be imported during the period April 1 - December 51, 1977.

With regard to the recommendations in para 4 on a certification system for handloom cottage industry products and the establishment of the component levels of the exports of blouses from Pakistan, the consultations have so far not been conclusive. The parties agreed to remain in contact and will revert in this matter to the TSB as soon as it is found possible or necessary to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Carl De Geer

Permanent Representative