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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Modification of a Bilateral Agreement

Article 4

(IV. EEC/Hong Kong¹)

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a copy of a notification received from the EEC.

16. Modifications to a bilateral agreement concluded under Article 4 (686).

¹For details of bilateral agreement see COM.TEX/SB/176.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

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Note du Président

La CEE a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification suivante dont on trouvera ci-joint copie:

16. Modifications apportées à un accord bilatéral conclu au titre de l'article 4 (686).

¹Pour le détail de l'accord bilatéral, voir le document COM.TEX/SB/176.

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Genève, le 6 novembre 1977

Délégation permanente
auprès des organisations internationales
à Genève

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Monsieur le Président,

Par la présente, j'ai l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de l'Organe de Surveillance des Textiles le texte d'un compte-rendu agréé des consultations qui se sont terminées le 15 septembre dernier entre la Communauté Economique Européenne et Hong Kong.

Ces consultations, qui se sont tenues dans le cadre des dispositions de l'article 4 de l'accord bilatéral signé par ces deux pays, ont permis de modifier d'un commun accord le texte de cet accord en ce qui concerne l'importation de brassières originaires de Hong Kong dans le marché de la Communauté constitué par l'Allemagne et de "brassières, briefs and drawers" dans les marchés constitués par la France et le Benelux.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, mes salutations les plus distinguées.

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Chef de la délégation permanente

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AGREED MINUTE

1. At the request of the Commission of the European Communities (Note Verbales 4133 of 14 July 1977 and Note Verbale 4331 of 26 July 1977) consultations were held in Brussels on 8 September 1977 under Article 4 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Hong Kong on trade in textile products.

2. As a result of the consultations, the two delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the following arrangement :
 - (a) Hong Kong shall limit its exports of brassieres to the market of the Community constituted by FR of Germany during the period 1. September - 31 December 1977 to a level of 2.1 million pieces.
 - (b) This item shall be restrained as a separate category.
 - (c) The Community will admit imports of brassieres to the market of the FR of Germany in respect of which export authorizations had been issued by Hong Kong on or before 27 July 1977. Such imports shall not be counted against the quantitative limit established under (a).
 - (d) The flexibility provisions of Article V of the said Agreement shall be applicable up to the quantitative limit established under (a). The maximum percentage movement allowable under Paragraph 1 b (ii) of this Article shall be 7 % at a conversion rate for brassieres of 17.50 pieces per kg..
 - (e) The provisions of Article 8 of the said Agreement shall be applicable to the quantitative limits referred to under (a).

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3. Hong Kong exports of brassieres and briefs and drawers to France, and brassieres to the Benelux.

The consultation on these items did not result in a mutually acceptable conclusion. The Hong Kong delegation informed the Community that it would resume and continue the issue of export authorizations in respect of these items and undertook to abide by the provisions of Article 4.7 (ii) of the Agreement. The Community delegation maintained the view that Hong Kong imports contributed to a situation of market disruption in the regions of the Community concerned. Both delegations reserved the positions of their respective authorities.

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