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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Additional information received from
the European Community

Note by the Chairman

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter received from the European Community regarding the communication of Article 4 agreements, concluded between the EEC and certain exporting countries¹, to the TSB.

¹A copy of this letter was circulated to the members present at the 19 July meeting of the TSB.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Renseignements additionnels reçus de la
Communauté européenne

Note du Président

On trouvera ci-joint copie d'une lettre des Communautés concernant la communication à l'OST d'accords conclus au titre de l'article 4 entre la CEE et certains pays exportateurs¹.

¹Copie de cette lettre a été distribuée aux membres de l'OST présents à la réunion du 19 juillet.

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Communication of Article 4 Agreements to the TSB

As you know, the Community has negotiated a number of agreements on trade in textile products with exporting countries under Article 4 of the Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles during the latter part of 1977. The provisions of these agreements have been in de facto application since 1 January 1978. However, I wish to stress that at this stage none of the agreements in question has been formally concluded.

In the absence of such formal conclusion, the Commission takes the view that the Community is under no obligation to communicate the above-mentioned agreements to the Textile Surveillance Body under Article 4 Paragraph 4 of the Arrangement. However, in view of the time necessary to complete the internal procedures for conclusion, the Community, for its part, is ready to make the texts of the initialled agreements available to the TSB, on the understanding that these texts should not be transmitted to the Textiles Committee prior to formal conclusion, and on the condition that the exporting countries concerned are agreeable to this procedure.

To this end, the Commission has proposed to the exporting countries concerned that the texts of the various agreements should now be provided to the TSB as working documents. As soon as a positive reply is received from any of the exporting countries concerned, I shall ensure that the agreement or agreements in question will be dispatched to you without delay.

Yours sincerely,

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