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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:6

Note by the Chairman

I attach hereto a copy of a letter received from Canada concerning the imposition of quantitative restrictions on men's structured suits and jackets when imported from the Philippines during the period 1 January 1979 to 31 December 1979.


ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 3, paragraphe 6

Note du Président

Les membres de l'OST trouveront ci-joint une lettre que j'ai reçue du Canada au sujet de l'application de restrictions quantitatives sur les costumes et vestes structurés, pour hommes, à l'importation en provenance des Philippines pendant la période allant du 1er janvier 1979 au 31 décembre 1979.

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M.S.

Dear Ambassador Wurth,

My authorities have asked me to bring to the attention of the Textiles Surveillance Body the following note which was delivered to the Philippine authorities in Manila on February 23, 1979.

"The Canadian authorities wish to refer to an exchange of telegrams between Mr. Valdepenas and Mr. Arthur in December 1978 and January 1979 and to the formal request delivered to the Philippine authorities on January 26, for consultations under paragraph 24 of the Canada/Philippine Bilateral Agreement. No mutually satisfactory date for such formal consultations having yet been agreed upon, and in light of the unusual and the critical circumstances arising from significantly increased imports of these products from the Philippines, the Canadian authorities concerned must regretfully inform the authorities of the Philippines of their decision to take interim action to prevent disruption of Canadian production and employment.

While the Philippines exported approximately 1000 units of men's structured suits and jackets to Canada in 1978, exports arriving in Canada in the first two months of 1979 total over 15,000. In addition, we understand that approximately 5000 units may already have been shipped from the Philippines for arrival in Canada by March 1.

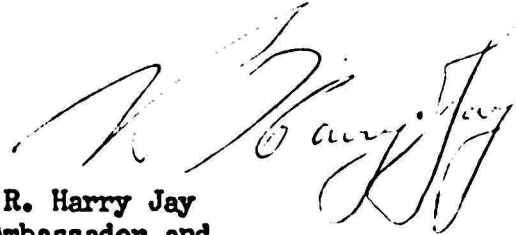
In line with the provisions of Article 3 (6) of the International Arrangement Regarding Trade in Textiles (ITA) and pending a mutually satisfactory solution, Canadian authorities will limit imports of men's structured suits and jackets to a level of 20,000 units for the calendar year 1979.

It is the opinion of the Canadian authorities that in the light of the highly unusual and critical circumstances these steps are necessary to prevent imports from the Philippines from disrupting Canadian production and employment and to meet the equity provisions in both the International Arrangement Regarding Trade in Textiles (ITA) and bilateral arrangements already concluded with Hong-Kong,

H.E. Ambassador Paul WURTH
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
Geneva

Korea, Poland and Romania. Canadian authorities concerned hope that these measures will be interim only and that a mutually acceptable solution will be negotiated in the near future. They look forward to an early meeting with the authorities of the Philippines."

Accept, dear Ambassador Wurth, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Harry Jay".

R. Harry Jay
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative