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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 continuation of quantitative restrictions on men's structured suits and jackets when imported from the Philippines during the period 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1980.

For previous notification see TEX.SB/383, paragraph 15 of COM.TEX/SB/429 and paragraph 21 of COM.TEX/SB/519.

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 du maintien de restrictions quantitatives sur les costumes et vestes structurés, pour hommes, à l'importation en provenance des Philippines pendant la période allant du ler janvier 1980 au 31 décembre 1980.

Pour la notification précédente, voir les documents TEX.SB/383, COM.TEX/SB/429, paragraphe 15, et COM.TEX/SB/519, paragraphe 21.

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The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations



La Mission Permanente du Canada auprès des Nations Unies

10 A, avenue de Budé 1202 Geneva

December 21, 1979

Dear Ambassador Wurth,

My authorities have asked me to advise you that the attached note has been delivered to the Philippine authorities in Manila.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

D.S. McPhail Ambassador and Permanent Repres

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ANSWERED

The Canadian authorities regret that a bilateral solution has not yet been found to the difficulties of Philippine exports of men's and boys' structured suits and jackets to Canada. It is hoped that discussions anticipated for the early part of 1980 will result in a mutually satisfactory solution. However, the difficulties which initially caused this action still exist in the Canadian market; there is a clear potential for disruptive air shipments; there are equity obligations under the bilateral arrangements which Canada has signed with other countries; and, finally, there is a need for continuity of administrative arrangements to provide a degree of certainty to both Canadian importers and Philippine exporters of these products to enable them to formulate and carry out their plans for 1980. As a result of these considerations, and pending the outcome of bilateral discussions, the Canadian authorities find it necessary to continue the restraint under Article 3 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles to cover the next twelve months commencing January 1, 1980 at a level of 21,200 garments which represents a six percent growth over the level for the previous period. It remains the hope of the Canadian authorities that this matter can be resolved

through the negotiation of a mutually acceptable bilateral Agreement.

A copy of this letter is being delivered to Ambassador Paul Wurth, Chairman of the Textiles Surveillance Body.