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Textiles Surveillance Body

Organe de surveillance des textiles

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:5

Note by the Chairman

I attach hereto a copy of a letter received from Canada concerning the continuation of quantitative restrictions on cotton terry towels, washcloths, bathmats and sets when imported from India for a further nine-month period beginning 1 January 1980.

For previous notification see TEX.SB/370, and for comments of TSB see COM.TEX/SB/407 paragraph 4 and COM.TEX/SB/519, paragraph 13.

ARRANGEMENT CONCERNANT LE COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL DES TEXTILES

Notification conformément à l'article 3, paragraphe 5

Note du Président

Les membres de l'OST trouveront ci-joint une lettre que j'ai reçue du Canada au sujet du maintienl de restrictions quantitatives sur les serviettes en tissu éponge, gants de toilette, tapis de bain et ensembles, en coton, à l'importation en provenance de l'Inde pendant une nouvelle période de neuf mois commençant le ler janvier 1980.

Pour la notification précédente, voir le document TEX.SB/370; pour les observations de l'OST, voir les documents COM.TEX/SB/407, paragraphe 4, et COM.TEX/SB/519, paragraphe 13.

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations



In Mission Permanente du Canada auprès des Nations Unies

10 A, avenue de Budé 1202 Geneva

January 29, 1980

Dear Ambassador Wurth,

My authorities have asked me to advise you that the following note was delivered to the Indian authorities in New Delhi on January 25, 1980.

"The Indian authorities will recall that, pursuant to the outcome of discussions in the Textile Surveillance Body during its Fourth Meeting (1979) regarding the Article 3:5 action taken by Canada on imports of cotton terry towels, washcloths and sets from India, bilateral discussions continued through 1979 and were also held on January 14-17, 1980. However, as a mutually acceptable solution has not been reached, the Canadian authorities wish to inform the Indian authorities of their intention to continue the action to September 30, 1980 with a 6 percent annual growth rate over the level for the previous period. The level at which imports will be restrained is 330,150 pounds.

In taking this action, the Canadian authorities have had regard to the need to provide a degree of certainty to both Canadian importers and Indian exporters to facilitate the continuation of trade in terry towels.

Although Canada has found it necessary to restrain imports of these textile products, the Canadian

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authorities wish to emphasize that it is their hope that a mutually acceptable solution may be reached through further bilateral negotiations."

Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

D.S. McPhail Ambassador and

Permanent Representative