

GATT/AIR/420

6 OCTOBER 1964

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE

1. THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE COMMENCING ON 30 NOVEMBER 1964. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8(c) OF THE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES, THE COMMITTEE WILL, INTER ALIA, CONDUCT THE SECOND ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE ARRANGEMENT AND REPORT TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

2. IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE REVIEW TO BE MADE, THE PARTIES TO THE ARRANGEMENT ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARIAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN 23 OCTOBER, THE INFORMATION INDICATED BELOW TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH INFORMATION HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED.

A. QUOTA OR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2

3. PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT REQUIRES THAT THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES SHALL NOTIFY THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, AND IN ANY CASE NOT LESS THAN ONE MONTH BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE LICENSING PERIOD, OF THE DETAILS OF ANY QUOTA OR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WOULD NOW FORWARD THIS INFORMATION, WHICH IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

4. THE FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE 2 SHOULD BE MET BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING LINES BY EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY MAINTAINING SUCH QUOTAS OR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, THE INFORMATION BEING GIVEN SEPARATELY FOR EACH EXPORTING COUNTRY CONCERNED, AND BY CATEGORY:

- (i) THE RESTRICTIONS AND QUOTAS EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 OCTOBER 1964;
- (ii) CHANGES IN RESTRICTIONS AND QUOTAS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF THE ARRANGEMENT (i.e. 1 OCTOBER 1963 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1964);
- (iii) CHANGES IN RESTRICTIONS AND QUOTAS ENVISAGED DURING THE THIRD YEAR OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

B. INVOCATIONS OF PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3

5. NOTIFICATIONS SO FAR RECEIVED FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN CONNEXION WITH THEIR INVOCATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENTS IN THE COT/ SERIES.

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6. PARAGRAPH 6 OF ARTICLE 3 LAYS DOWN THAT A PARTICIPATING COUNTRY HAVING RECOURSE TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 WILL REPORT FROM TIME TO TIME, AND IN ANY CASE, ONCE A YEAR, TO THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE, ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE RELAXATION OR ELIMINATION OF SUCH MEASURES. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES CONCERNED SHOULD FORWARD TO THE SECRETARIAT, FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, ALL INFORMATION CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT.

C. ARRANGEMENTS ON OTHER TERMS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 4

7. ARTICLE 4 PROVIDES THAT PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES SHALL KEEP THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE FULLY INFORMED OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS ON OTHER TERMS, OR THE PARTS THEREOF, WHICH HAVE A BEARING ON THE OPERATION OF THE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT. NOTIFICATIONS SO FAR RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT NOTIFIED THE SECRETARIAT OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD NOW DO SO.

D. STRUCTURE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

8. I FEEL THE COMMITTEE WILL WISH TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSION ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES, HAVING REGARD TO THE EMPHASIS PUT BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, AT THEIR TWENTY-FIRST SESSION, ON THE NEED FOR GIVING MORE CONSIDERATION TO THIS POINT AS BEING A MOST IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENT OF THE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ARE THEREFORE INVITED TO FORWARD TO THE SECRETARIAT, FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, ANY INFORMATION ON POLICY MEASURES DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THIS QUESTION.

E. STATISTICS

9. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED STATISTICAL DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOCUMENTS COT/W/24 AND COT/W/25 ARE ASKED TO REMIT SAME AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

10. A DETAILED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WILL BE CIRCULATED LATER.

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