

SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

1. IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COTTON TEXTILES ARRANGEMENT (PROVIDED FOR UNDER ARTICLE 8(c) OF THE ARRANGEMENT) TO BE MADE, PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARIAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN 20 SEPTEMBER, 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

2. PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE 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.

3. 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 1968;
- (ii) CHANGES IN RESTRICTIONS AND QUOTAS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE FIVE YEARS OF THE ARRANGEMENT AND THE FIRST YEAR OF THE EXTENDED ARRANGEMENT;
- (iii) CHANGES IN RESTRICTIONS AND QUOTAS ENVISAGED DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

B. INVOCATIONS OF PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 3 AND 6

4. NOTIFICATIONS SO FAR RECEIVED FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN CONNEXION WITH THEIR INVOCATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 3 AND 6 HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENTS IN THE COT/- SERIES.

5. 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

6. 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 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. OTHER NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8(a)

7. ARTICLE 8(a) PROVIDES THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL COLLECT STATISTICAL AND OTHER INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS AND WILL BE EMPOWERED TO REQUEST THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS THE COMMITTEE AGREED AT ITS MEETING IN DECEMBER 1964 THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE COLLECTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE ON RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED ON TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES OUTSIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARRANGEMENT NOT ALREADY NOTIFIED UNDER THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES OF THE GATT. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARIAT ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT.

E. INFORMATION ON STEPS TO FACILITATE ADJUSTMENTS IN DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES

8. IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH C(h) OF THE CONCLUSIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON 24 NOVEMBER 1967 RELATING TO TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (BISD, FIFTEENTH SUPPLEMENT, PAGE 72) IMPORTING COUNTRIES PARTICIPANTS IN THE COTTON TEXTILES ARRANGEMENT WERE REQUESTED IN GATT/AIR/640 TO NOTIFY TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE MEASURES TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED BY THEM TO FACILITATE ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY DURING THE PERIOD OF SPECIAL PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE COTTON TEXTILES ARRANGEMENT. I AM CIRCULATING SHORTLY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE THE NOTIFICATIONS SO FAR RECEIVED IN THIS RESPECT. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES CONCERNED WHICH HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED SUCH INFORMATION ARE ASKED TO DO SO AT THEIR EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONVENIENCE.

9. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AT A LATER DATE WILL RECEIVE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE DATE AND THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

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