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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Reports on the Status of Restrictive Measures as Requested by the TSB in Accordance with Article 11

SRI LANKA

Attached is a report received by the TSB on the present status of restrictions on trade in textiles maintained by Sri Lanka. This report was submitted in reply to the TSB's request for information in pursuance of Article 11 of the Arrangement, and in particular paragraphs 11, 12 and 2 thereof.

3 June 1980

Dear Mr. Wurth,

Major Review of MFA

I refer to your letter dated 18 April 1980, requesting information from all participating countries on the restrictions introduced or maintained by them on textile products covered by the Arrangement since its extension on 1 January 1978.

I have been informed by my authorities that no restrictions have been introduced or are maintained by Sri Lanka on textile products covered by the Textiles Arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) D.M. Jayasekera
Permanent Representative to GATT

9 September 1980

Dear Mr. Wurth,

I refer to your letter dated 3 July 1980, concerning restrictions on textile imports.

I have clarified this matter with the authorities in Colombo, who informed me that our letter of 3 June, may be corrected as follows:

- (1) The Import and Export Control Department does not exercise any controls on the import of textile products.
- (2) The Ministry of Textile Industries operates a licensing scheme for:
 - (a) Cotton yarn. Licences are issued liberally for imports to fill the gap in local production.
 - (b) Fabrics for domestic use. Imports are effected by the Sri Lanka State Trading (Textiles) Corporation. There is no specific limit on imports as the policy of the Government is to keep the market adequately supplied. Account would be, however, taken of the availability of locally produced fabrics in determining import requirements.

I regret the slight delay in sending you a reply.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) D.M. Jayasekera
Permanent Representative to GATT