

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

### Report on Status of Restrictive Measures Under Article 2, Paragraph 4

#### Note by the Chairman

The TSB has received from the Government of Japan a report on the status of the unilateral exports restraints originally notified by it with respect to Canada, Norway, and the European Economic Community.<sup>1</sup>

With respect to the consultations which are to take place with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution, the TSB expressed the hope that these consultations would be successfully concluded as soon as practicable.

In view of this communication from the Government of Japan, the TSB concurred in an extension of the time-limit in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Arrangement. The TSB requested a report from Japan on the progress made within ninety days of the date of the report, i.e. by 30 June 1975.

The TSB is circulating this notification to countries participating in the Arrangement for their information. Confirmatory letters received from Canada and Norway are also attached.

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<sup>1</sup>See COM.TEX/SB/2, COM.TEX/SB/15 and COM.TEX/SB/17.

Letter No. 1

Geneva, 27 March 1975

Dear Ambassador Wurth,

With respect to the unilateral export restraints which were notified by my letter of 10 May 1974, I have the honour to inform you that the Governments of Japan and Canada agreed, after a series of talks on this subject, to have further consultations with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory agreement on the treatment of the said restraints in accordance with the relevant provisions of MFA.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Michio MIZOGUCHI  
Minister

Letter No. 2

27 March 1975

Dear Mr. Wurth,

With respect to the unilateral export restraints which were notified by a letter of 10 May 1974, from Mr. Michio Mizoguchi, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan, I have the honour to inform you that the Governments of Japan and Canada agreed, after a series of talks on this subject, to have further consultations with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory agreement on the treatment of the said restraints, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the multifibre arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W.H. Barton  
Ambassador and  
Permanent Representative of Canada

Letter No. 3

Geneva, 1 April 1975

Dear Ambassador Wurth,

With respect to the unilateral export restraints which were notified by my letter of 10 May 1974, I have the honour to inform you that the Governments of Japan and Norway agreed, after a series of talks on this subject, to have further consultations or negotiations with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution on the treatment of the said restraints in accordance with the relevant provisions of MFA.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Michio MIZOGUCHI  
Minister

Letter No. 4

Geneva, 24 April 1975

Dear Ambassador Wirth,

With reference to the talks which were held during your recent visit to Norway, I would like to confirm that the annual negotiations with Japan were opened in Oslo on 10 March 1975. The two delegations have agreed to extend the period of negotiations with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory agreement.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Edvard Hambro  
Ambassador

Letter No. 5

Geneva, 31 March 1975

Dear Ambassador Wirth,

With respect to the unilateral exports restraints which were notified by my letter of 10 May 1974, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Japan and the Commission of the European Communities agreed, after a series of talks on this subject, to have further consultations or negotiations with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution on the treatment of the said restraints in accordance with the relevant provisions of MFA.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Michio MIZOGUCHI  
Minister