

# 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 United States a report on the status as at 31 March 1975 of restrictive measures originally notified by it in document COM.TEX/SB/3.<sup>1</sup>

With respect to the negotiations now in progress, the TSB expressed the hope that they would be successfully concluded as soon as practicable.

In view of the request received from the United States, 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 the United States 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.

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<sup>1</sup> An additional report showing the status of restrictions on 30 May 1975 has also been received and is attached to the notification.

31 March 1975

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of Article 2 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my Government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the status of efforts as of 21 March 1975 by my Government to comply in full with the requirements of paragraph 2(ii) of Article 2 and Article 4 of the Arrangement.

Attached to this letter is a resumé of the current status of all bilateral agreements previously notified by the Government of the United States of America to the Textiles Surveillance Body under the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Arrangement. As will be noted from the attached resumé, the bilateral agreements in question are broken down into seven categories: listed under (1) are those new bilateral agreements which have been formally concluded under Article 4 and notified to the TSB; reported under (2) are bilateral negotiations which have been completed with memoranda of understanding signed but which await formalization through exchange of Notes; reported under (3) are bilateral agreements presently under active negotiation; under (4) there is a firm schedule for formal negotiation of the remaining agreements in the months of April, May and June of 1975; under (5) and (6) are shown agreements terminated or in process of termination and, under (7) are listed two agreements where consultations to establish mutually acceptable negotiating dates and venues are under way.

It is the intent and expectation of my Government that formal Note exchanges covering those new agreements now covered by signed memoranda of understanding will be effected shortly and that these new agreements will be notified to the TSB promptly thereafter.

Despite the best efforts of my Government and the governments of our textile trading partners, we have been unable to complete, as had been hoped, the renegotiation of all the bilateral agreements to which the United States is party within the period ending 31 March 1975. The impediments to complete conformance to the terms of the Arrangement have been almost entirely physical, arising from the limited number of competent personnel, both within my Government and within the governments of our trading partners and the resulting difficulties in arranging mutually acceptable negotiating schedules with the large number of trading partners.

In light of the foregoing, my Government finds it necessary to request, under the provisions of paragraph 2(ii) of Article 2 of the Arrangement, the concurrence of the Textiles Surveillance Body for an additional period of time to permit the completion of the remaining firmly scheduled negotiations. The Government of the United States expects all its agreements to be brought into conformity with the provisions of Articles 2 and 4 of the Arrangement by the end of June 1975.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harry M. Phelan, Jr.  
Minister Counselor

31 March 1975

Status of United States Compliance with Article 2 of the Arrangement

(31 March 1975)

Resumé

1. Agreements concluded - notes exchanged - already notified to TSB

Country	Type agreements	Fibre coverage	Product coverage
Hong Kong	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Japan	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
India	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive
Macao	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive

2. Agreements concluded - memoranda understanding signed - awaiting exchange notes

Mexico	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Malaysia	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Singapore	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
El Salvador	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Pakistan	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive
Taiwan	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Korea	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Egypt	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive

3. Negotiations in progress 31 March 1975

Jamaica <sup>1</sup>	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive
Colombia	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Philippines	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Haiti	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive

<sup>1</sup>United States and Jamaica have agreed to simple extension of existing agreement through 30 June 1975. Negotiation new agreement to be completed in Washington in April 1975.

4. Negotiations scheduled for April, May, June 1975

Country	Date opening negotiations	Place
Malta <sup>1</sup>	7 April 1975	Valletta
Egypt <sup>2</sup>	9 April 1975	Cairo
Greece	17 April 1975	Athens
Poland	28 April 1975	Warsaw
Romania	2 May 1975	Bucharest
Yugoslavia	7 May 1975	Belgrade
Hungary	19 May 1975	Washington
Czechoslovakia	26 May 1975	Washington
Brazil	2 June 1975	Brazilia
Spain	12 May 1975	Madrid

5. Agreements terminated - notes exchanged - TSB notified

Nicaragua

6. Agreements terminated - awaiting exchange notes

Peru

7. Consulting to establish mutually acceptable negotiating dates

Thailand

Portugal

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<sup>1</sup>This negotiation is to terminate existing agreement.

<sup>2</sup>United States and Egypt, through exchange letters in March agreed to consider present Agreement in force (it would have formally expired 31 March 1975) for period of days necessary to complete negotiations new Agreement beginning Cairo 9 April 1975.

Status of United States Compliance with Article 2 of the Arrangement

(30 May 1975)

1. Agreements concluded - notes exchanged - already notified to TSB

Country	Type agreements	Fibre coverage	Product coverage
Hong Kong	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Japan	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
India	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive
Macao	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Malaysia <sup>1</sup>	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Pakistan <sup>1</sup>	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive
Mexico <sup>1</sup>	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Singapore <sup>1</sup>	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Taiwan <sup>1</sup>	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Colombia <sup>1</sup>	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Thailand	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive

2. Agreements concluded - memoranda of understanding signed - awaiting exchange of notes

Egypt	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive
El Salvador	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Korea	Article 4	All fibres	Comprehensive
Romania	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive

3. Negotiations in progress, 29 May 1975

Jamaica	Article 4	Cotton	Comprehensive
Philippines	Article 4	All fibre	Comprehensive
Haiti	Article 4	All fibre	Comprehensive

<sup>1</sup>Notes were exchanged in May. Notifications to the TSB are in progress.

Country	Type agreements	Fibre coverage	Product coverage
<u>3. Negotiations in progress, 29 May 1975 (cont'd)</u>			
Brazil			
Poland			
Czechoslovakia			
Hungary			
<u>4. Agreements terminated - notes exchanged - TSB notified</u>			
Nicaragua			
<u>5. Agreements terminated - awaiting exchange of notes</u>			
Peru			
Malta			
Greece			
Spain			
Yugoslavia			
<u>6. Agreements allowed to expire</u>			
Italy			
Portugal			