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TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to a Bilateral Agreement Between the
United States and India^{1/}

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received a notification from the United States regarding an amendment to its bilateral agreement with India concerning trade in textiles. The validity of the agreement covers the period ending 30 September 1981.

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of the notification to participating countries for their information.

^{1/}For details of the agreement see documents COM.TEX/SB/46 and 158.

^{2/}See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

7 July 1977

UNITED STATES AND INDIA
AMEND TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and India exchanged notes on 13 June and 17 June respectively, to amend the existing bilateral agreement on trade in cotton textiles between the two countries. The texts of the notes follow:

UNITED STATES NOTE

13 June 1977

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement on Trade in Cotton Textiles between the United States of America and India of 6 August 1974, and the Agreement effected by exchange of notes on 20 and 22 January 1976.

Keeping in view the principles of Article 12(3) of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, and without prejudice to the interpretations of either the Government of India or the Government of the United States of that Article, the Government of the United States would like to propose the following:

- (a) that the provisions of paragraph 3 of the January 1976 Agreement which require the Government of India to limit its exports of handloom apparel products to the United States be terminated immediately;
- (b) that either Government may request consultations in respect to their trade in such products whenever they consider them necessary;
- (c) that consultations will begin within 30 days of the request for them;
- (d) that, pending a mutually satisfactory conclusion of such consultations, the Government of the United States may request the Government of India to restrain exports of such handloom apparel products;
- (e) that, upon receiving such a request, the Government of India will restrain exports of such products to the requested level which shall not be lower than the highest level of such imports in any agreement year prior to the date this agreement takes effect.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of India, this note and your Excellency's note of acceptance on behalf of the Government of India shall constitute an agreement which will remain in effect until 30 September 1981, unless earlier terminated or amended.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

(signed) Stephen Bosworth

H.E. Kewal Singh,
Ambassador of India.

INDIA NOTE

17 June 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 13 June 1977, concerning the agreement on trade in cotton textiles between the United States and India, the text of which is set out below:

(See United States Note)

I confirm on behalf of the Government of India that the above communication correctly sets out the latest procedures agreed upon governing trade in cotton textiles between India and the United States of America.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Kewal Singh
Ambassador of India

H.E. Mr. Cyrus R. Vance,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.